



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Transportation Workshop

[23-5973](#)

Meeting Instructions and Request to Speak Form

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pachota called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Nick Pachota, Dr. Mitzie Fiedler, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Ms. Helen Moore, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Dick Longo and Mr. Rick Howard

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Ed Lavalley, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden and Deputy Clerk Toni Cone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Longo led the pledge of allegiance.

I. COUNCIL DISCUSSION - PRESENTATION

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City Engineer Kathleen Weeden and Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark: City of Venice Transportation Workshop: Strategic Road Maintenance and Transportation Planning, Process and Procedure

City Engineer Weeden presented the City of Venice road ownership and maintenance, funding, capacity versus maintenance funding sources, county road and mobility fees, gas tax funding needs, historical paving program, road bond, future maintenance program, projected costs versus gas tax revenues, neighborhood street summary, multimodal improvements, final resolution of budget deficits options and answered Council questions regarding changes in amount of road responsibility or definitions due to annexations, transfers of ownership with Sarasota County, changes in projections, increase in construction cost, decrease in gas tax revenue, funding from the 2016 Road Bond, definition of industrial road, opportunities for additional elements, water and repair station, and

additional funding solutions.

Discussion took place regarding the interlocal agreement with Sarasota County, mobility fees, funding sources, multi-modal master plan, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans, funding for county roads improvements, repair and water stations, pedestrian safety treatments, specialized lit crosswalks, and on street parking issues.

City Manager Lavallee spoke on the Transportation Committee which includes City Engineer, Police Chief, Public Works Director who can review requests from this workshop.

Discussion continued regarding bicycle lanes, electric car charging stations, status of Tarpon Center Drive improvements, and evaluating Harbor Drive for sidewalks.

Recess was taken from 10:01 a.m. until 10:11 a.m.

Discussion continued regarding sidewalks, road striping, crash report considered in priorities, tree canopy report, Edmondson Road multi-use trails, private funding for benches and trees, repair stations on bicycle trails, sensors in lighted crosswalks, cost and locations of charging stations, increase use of Golf Drive, speed concerns on Tamiami Trail on the Island, a Transportation Mobility Master Plan, use of consultant, traffic counts surveys, tree canopy study, tree replacement for downtown, funding concerns, and Pinebrook Road and Ridgewood Avenue intersection.

Discussion took place regarding traffic concerns, possibility for traffic direction from staff, tree canopy plan, crosswalks for Pinebrook Way, Bay Indies Boulevard, and Lucaya Avenue, long range transportation plan for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), options to minimize intersection blocking, evaluating potential unintended consequences, and partnerships with volunteers.

Discussion took place regarding a Traffic and Mobility Master Plan by a consultant versus evaluation by City Traffic Committee.

There was consensus for a water and bike repair station at Edmondson Road and Pinebrook Road.

There was consensus to add Park Boulevard sidewalk to the capital project program.

There was consensus to review budget options for benches and trees along Edmondson Road.

There was consensus for the Traffic Committee to evaluate Alhambra Road, Pinebrook Way, Lucaya Avenue, Golf Drive, and Valencia Road.

There was consensus to direct staff to contact Sarasota County to evaluate sidewalks on Auburn Road.

There was consensus for staff to contact Sarasota County to evaluate a multi-use trail and mid-block cross walks on Pinebrook Road.

There was consensus to direct staff to contact Sarasota County and Florida Power and Light (FPL) to inquire if there is interest in extending the Myakka multi-use trail.

There was consensus for creating a Transportation and Mobility Master Plan.

Recess was taken from 11:30 a.m. until 11:36 a.m.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark presented the transportation process, the planning level, project level, identifying projects, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) versus Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS), project traffic analysis, Traffic Impact Study, traffic data, assumed background improvements, signal optimization, state traffic counts from 2020, level of service map, 2022 accident locations, volume to capacity (vc) ratios, updates on current improvements, transportation improvement needs map, assumed background improvements, transportation improvement process and answered Council questions on reports sent to the State, CIS provided to Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Discussion took place regarding the CIS provided to the MPO, Sarasota County and State, Council approval of CIS ordinance annually, current CIS, potential improvements to add for this year, and citizens representative for MPO.

There was consensus to initiate conversation with Sarasota County regarding the Auburn Road, Pinebrook Road, and extension of multi-use trail improvements and add improvements to the CIS next year.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Carr, 149 Avens Drive, passed on speaking.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk