



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

5:01 PM

Council Chambers

Budget Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson and Council Member Fred Fraize
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Richard Caution

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Attorney Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavalley, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Finance Director Linda Senne, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Daniels.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.
2017-30](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Adopting the Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Venice for Fiscal Year 2018; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer made the taxing authority statement to include the operating millage rate is greater than the rolled back rate by 5.23%, the rolled back rate is 3.4210 mills, the operating millage to be levied is 3.600 mills, the voted debt service millage to be levied is .6780 mills, and the City of Venice is the taxing authority.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2017-30 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Fraize

No: 1 - Ms. Anderson

Absent: 1 - Mr. Causero

[ORD. NO.
2017-31](#)

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and Ending September 30, 2018; Providing that Disbursements shall not Exceed Fund Budgets Without City Council Approval, and Granting the Authority to the City Manager to Make Certain Departmental Transfers Within the Approved Fund Budgets

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2017-31 be approved and adopted.

Ms. Senne spoke regarding budget changes to include \$275,000 Venetian Walk II project contribution from the 301 capital projects fund, \$700,000 added to the one-cent sales tax fund for fishing pier improvements, and fire prevention unit 151 removal, overall changes to each fund, and revised fiscal year (FY) 2018 proposed budget.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve a standard raise for the city clerk and a 10% raise for the city manager.

Discussion followed on Mr. Lavalley's performance and city manager salaries in the surrounding areas.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion followed on the Triangle Inn to include donation, budget, expenditures, donor contribution, window replacements and building improvements, and project estimate.

Mayor Holic clarified the motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-31 includes all budget amendments stated, including the city clerk and city manager's pay raise.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Fraize

No: 1 - Ms. Anderson

Absent: 1 - Mr. Causero

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

Discussion took place regarding River Road project funding.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk