

CITY OF VENICE

Mayor

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Lori Stelzer, Heather Taylor

FROM: John Holic

SUBJECT: Agenda item

DATE: September 29, 2017

Lori or Heather,

Please place on the next available agenda for council discussion:

Venice Pier, now that we know it has to be virtually rebuilt, I would like to have council discuss these and any other topics.

1. Is there a way to effectively cover the bottom of the pier so that pigeons do not roost there? Whatever is used should be a material that does not get damaged by fishing hooks.
2. As City of Venice tax dollars were used to build the pier and are now being used to rebuild it, should we limit free fishing access to City of Venice Residents only? For example, anyone entering the pier with fishing gear would have to sign in and show an I.D. City residents would get on free, non-residents would have to pay \$5.00. The admission charge would be used to offset the cost of the Pier Master.
3. We should look into how we can limit some types of shark fishing from the pier. It is already against the ordinance for a watercraft to get within 300 feet of the pier, but fishermen apparently use kayaks to drag bait and hooks from the pier to deeper water.
4. The area around the pier is used heavily by people swimming, it does not seem prudent to try to attract sharks into this water.
5. I am told that there is blood baiting from the pier, in many places around the country it is illegal to dump anything in the water; fish carcasses, unused bait, blood, etc closer than a mile from shore. Do we have any such limitations?
6. Attached is section 46-62 and 46-64 from the code of ordinances for our review.