

Elaine Schwartz, 240 South Harbor Drive, presented a petition requesting installation of additional streetlights on a portion of Harbor Drive. Mr. Heath outlined the city's lighting provisions and Mayor Calamaras requested that staff report back to council regarding installation costs.

Herb Levine, Venice resident, urged council to approve installation of a plaque at City Hall recognizing Geri Weinberg's contributions to the City of Venice and discussed owning vs. renting homes at Grove Terrace.

Discussion followed regarding supporting recognition of Ms. Weinberg and the city's policy concerning placement of plaques.

(2:22) **Elizabeth Cuevas-Nuender**, 13th Congressional Hispanic Leadership representative, encouraged council to move ahead with Brad Baker's proposal.

Mayor Calamaras commended efforts by the VHA to renovate and fully occupy Grove Terrace units.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING: REZONE METES & BOUNDS, VILLA PARADISO (04-14RZ), FROM OUE-1 (OPEN USE, ESTATE) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT)

Mayor Calamaras announced this was a quasi-judicial procedure and Ms. Stelzer read the Notice of Public Hearing. Mayor Calamaras opened the public hearing. Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications had been received and swore in everyone offering testimony.

Mr. Slaughter, being duly sworn, outlined the application, displayed an aerial map and site photographs of the area, and advised that Planning Commission recommended approval. Discussion followed regarding dedicating a portion of the property for utilization as a park.

Stephen Rees, agent for the petitioner, being duly sworn, noted the name change of Westfield Homes of Southwest Florida to Standard Pacific of Southwest Florida. Mr. Rees displayed aerial maps and drawings of building elevations and buffers and advised that the project met requirements and conditions of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Districts. Mr. Rees pointed out advantages of the proposed coving design and discussed architectural drawings illustrating building elevations and buffers.

Robert Siuda, Division President of Standard Pacific of Southwest Florida, being duly sworn, thanked city staff for efforts regarding completion of the project.

Mark Carpenter, Vice President of Sales for Standard Pacific of Southwest Florida, being duly sworn, outlined products available including detached single-family homes, attached pair villas, and condominium units.

(2:47) Adrienne Harrison, Rick Harrison Site Design Vice President, being duly sworn, reviewed the history and benefits of coving designs. Ms. Harrison demonstrated how sufficient density and open space design could be achieved through coving plans.

Mr. Rees requested approval of the petition. Discussion followed regarding road network, Villa Paradiso's private street system contains no gating or impediments to public use, impact of public use of neighborhood streets, and connectivity to adjoining property.

**PETITION FOR STREETLIGHTS ON HARBOR DRIVE IN THE
HISTORIC APARTMENT DISTRICT**

	- NAME - PRINT	ADDRESS	residency		
			full	winter	
	Elaine Schwartz (485-4662)	240 S. Harbor Dr, # 2 Venice 34285	✓		"Lanzilotte" 4 UNITS
	Thomas Ciccarelli	344 Ponce DeLeon Venice 34285	✓		
	Sally Wisniewski	247 Harbor Dr S Venice 34285	✓		
	Bill Wisniewski	247 Harbor Dr S Venice 34285	✓		
5	Angela McMullen	401 Granada Dr Venice FL 34285	✓		
6	Tim Paradise	206 HARBOR DR. S	✓		Paradise Realty
7	Susan Rowe	240 Harbor Dr S # 3	✓		
8	Joe Reed	BLACK House 241 S Harbor Dr S.	✓		
9	RAYMOND E. Miller	218 S Harbor Venice			Attorney
10	M. Stellmach	204 " "			✓
11	Cliff Hopkins	204 " "			✓
12	Edward Walck	200 " " So.	✓		
13	Refrax (Guy Spore)	Corner Harbor + Miami	✓		Remax
14	Janice M Carney	137 S Harbor Dr + Miami			JEFFREY FIELDS, D.D
15	Debbie Cere	" " "			137 S. HARBOR DRIVE VENICE, FL 34285
16	Dorrie Lauer	355 W Venice Ave	✓		Attorneys W. RUSSELL SNYD 355 WEST VENICE VENICE, FLORIDA
17	Jane I Van Loran	330 Pedro St (Pedro + Harbor)	✓		
18	Belmont Apts. 228 S. Harbor	Bill + Jewel Hicks, OWNERS	✓		8 UNIT

**PETITION FOR STREETLIGHTS ON HARBOR DRIVE IN THE
HISTORIC APARTMENT DISTRICT**

	NAME	ADDRESS	residency	
			full	winter
	Joanne Macey	236 Harbor Dr S. #101		✓
2	Janie Christopher	236 Harbor Dr S. #205		✓
3	Pauline M. Sears	236 Harbor Dr S. #103		✓
4	Arlene Willard	236 So Harbor Dr #102	✓	✓
5	Bonnie Haley	236 So Harbor Dr #107		✓
6	Mary Haddeen	236 S. Harbor Dr 104		✓
7	Rosemary Watson	234 S. Harbor Dr #1	✓	
8	Nada + Zvonko Svara	236 Harbor Dr S. #105		✓
9	Netta Hubert	236 Harbor Dr S. #206		✓ owner
10	Donald Hodder	236 Harbor Dr #104		✓
11	Donald W Gray	236 Harbor Dr #207		✓
12	James D. Wang	236 HARBOR DR. S. #101		✓
13	James R. Farrell	236 Harbor Dr #201		✓
14				
15				
16				

14 units

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Harbor Drive is the second largest throughfare on the Island of Venice. It is poorly lit. The entire side of City Hall is in darkness. There is no streetlight until the corner of Granada. More blackness across the street at the offices of the lawyers, dentists, and accounting firm. No streetlight until Miami Avenue. Again, no street illumination for the buildings that house Paradise realty, the healthcare provider and the attorneys office. There is a dim streetlight on the North corner of Menendez but none on the East side, not until you cross Ponce de Leon is there another streetlight on the East side.

There is no streetlight whatsoever on the entire block of Harbor Drive from 224 S Harbor until you cross Armada. This 200 block of S. Harbor - in the Historic apartment district - has a 8-unit apartment building, a 14 unit condo and a 4-unit apartment complex. There is no streetlight on this block.

Restaurant workers coming home late at night walk in the middle of the street. If you are out walking your dog you hear footsteps coming towards you but can see nothing. Tourists out for their evening stroll downtown are noted carrying flashlights; they say they are afraid of tripping on the broken sidewalks.

Interestingly enough on Pedro - the totally residential one-block long street - there is a street light on both ends plus 2 streetlights in the middle.

We don't want the fancy lights like Miami Avenue, just more of the present ones. We need lighting below the tree canopy to light the sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The treed median makes it even darker than most streets. This downtown section of Harbor Drive is badly in need of safety lighting.

This is a petition signed by all the real estate companies, lawyers, dentists, other business, and just plain folks that call the downtown historic district home.



MEMORANDUM

To: Martin Black, City Manager

From: L.A. Heath Jr., Director of Public Works

Date: March 8, 2006

Subject: Harbor Drive Street Light Petition

The petition for additional streetlights is along Harbor Drive from West Venice Avenue to Armada Road. The request is not for decorative streetlights but for consistency of the current ones owned by Florida Power and Light (FPL) and leased by the City of Venice. The request was due to safety concerns and a "poorly lit" roadway. A similar request was reviewed in the fall of 2004 for additional mid-block lighting and a report was presented to City Council at that time. The possibility to utilize the current FPL mid-block lighting method was on the assumption that a power source was available. As requested by City Council, city staff met with FPL to review additional mid-block lighting under the current streetlight configuration. I am disappointment to relay that the current lighting method is not an option because power is not available for mid-block lights. All of the existing power sources are on rear lot lines behind the property and no direct power source is available mid-block on Harbor Drive.

However, there are two (2) other options that are available for consideration.

One, would be to designate an appropriate power source and run underground conduit and wire with FPL to install the poles and lighting fixtures. We would have to execute a lighting agreement to lease the system but we have to install the underground conduit for connections. Then, pay a monthly installment for the cost of the pole, the light and the length of underground wiring throughout the life of the agreement.

Another option, would be for the City to install our own poles and lights.

Currently, the city does not have either one of these lighting options planned, designed or funded. One block of the three-block area identified in the petition is within the Central Business District (CBD) component, which has an approved concept to increase sections with the decorative streetlights as part of the long-term downtown improvement plan. Additionally, Harbor Drive from the CBD area to San Marco Drive has been discussed under miscellaneous planning modes for decorative streetlights as well.

In summation, city staff offers the following recommendations and comments:

- 1) The petition requested increased streetlights similar to current methods and types cannot be installed due to the availability of a power source from FPL.
- 2) Since design and funds are not available currently to provide increased lighting within the area requested, staff is recommending we provide City Council as part of the FY 06/07 budget process an enhancement project for consideration with the decorative streetlights.
- 3) If Venice City Council did not want to pursue the decorative streetlights as an enhancement concept on Harbor Drive past Granada Avenue, which is the southern limits of the CBD, then direction from City Council is requested.

If further clarification is needed, please advise accordingly.

cc: Lori Stelzer, City Clerk
Jeff Snyder, Finance Director
Nancy Woodley, City Engineer

No one in the audience came forward to speak and Mayor Calamaras closed the public hearing.

Mr. Willson **moved** that Ordinance No. 2006-22 be approved and adopted. **Seconded** by Mr. Hammett.

ROLL CALL: MR. TACY, YES; MR. MOORE, YES; MR. WILLSON, YES; MR. HAMMETT, YES; MS. TAYLOR, YES; MR. SIMMONDS, YES; MAYOR CALAMARAS, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS LARRY HEATH: HARBOR DRIVE STREET LIGHT PETITION

(3:58) Mr. Heath displayed an aerial map of Harbor Drive and the surrounding area, pointed out decorative and traditional street lights, and outlined options to deal with a petition from residents regarding a poorly lit portion of Harbor Drive. The current lighting method is not an option because no direct power source is available for mid-block lights. Mr. Heath reviewed the option to designate an appropriate power source and run underground conduit and wire with Florida Power and Light (FPL) to street lights and another option for the city to assume the total cost of installation. Currently, the city does not have any of the options planned, designed, or funded.

Mr. Heath indicated the Harbor Drive residents' request of increased street lights similar to current types cannot be installed due to the unavailability of a power source from FPL and recommended including an enhancement project with decorative street lights as part of the fiscal year 2006/2007 budget process.

Discussion followed regarding malfunction of current decorative street lights, installation costs, concerns regarding extension of above ground power, project should be budgeted, and level of lighting needed for safety.

There was **consensus** to bring back alternatives, as part of the budget process, to review costs and design options associated with installation of street lights on a portion of Harbor Drive.

XVI. PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR TOM SLAUGHTER: HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IMPACT STUDY – NOT APPROVED

Mr. Slaughter indicated the study was necessary in order to properly evaluate all aspects of height restrictions and reviewed a study proposal submitted by Wade Trim, Inc.

Discussion followed regarding the need for a study.

Mr. Willson **moved** to approve the Scope of Services for Height Restrictions Impact Study with Wade Trim as presented in Tom Slaughter's memo dated March 8, 2006. **Seconded** by Mr. Hammett.

Mr. Heath continued with Parks Maintenance Division enhancements that include replacements for a 1993 truck, \$30,000, and mower decks, \$6,500.

In response to Mr. Tacy's question, Mr. Black advised that funds were set aside in anticipation of some of the enhancements, but actual funding would be finalized after council approval and review by the city manager and finance director.

Mr. Heath resumed his presentation of Parks Maintenance Division enhancement requests for increased playground/park safety surface materials and application, \$10,000, and contractual tree work, \$5,000. Mr. Heath described general areas covered by contractual work, advised that \$5,000 was spent on this type of work last year, and discussed areas maintained by Florida Power and Light (FP&L). He advised that the enhancement request for large oak structural pruning in the amount of \$10,000 was doubled from last year due to storm damage. Discussion followed regarding total park enhancements for last year, budget reductions in order to meet millage and tax rate reductions, and costs that cannot be controlled.

Maintenance Division enhancements included forklift cylinder repair, \$4,000, and additional streetlights, \$2,160. Discussion followed regarding a one-time cost of \$2,160 for ten additional streetlights, ongoing cost for potential FP&L increases, and streetlight requests.

Mr. Heath continued discussion of Maintenance Division enhancements with paver block sealing in the downtown area, \$3,000, and an Administration enhancement of an upgraded phone system totaling \$10,000. Discussion followed regarding capacity and age of the phone system, and disaster preparedness and communication issues.

Mr. Heath reviewed Harbor Drive streetlight installations, Alternative 1 - \$247,250, Alternative 2 - \$180,125, and Alternative 3 - \$122,612 plus annual lease expenses. Discussion followed regarding resident initiated streetlight requests, funding, and fixture variances.

(1:58) After council members discussed their preferences, there was consensus to modify Alternative 1 with decorative streetlights along both sides of the roadway, with sidewalk lighting and both street and sidewalk lighting as alternatives. Mr. Black advised that revised cost information reflecting modifications to Alternative 1 would be presented to council. Discussion continued regarding future streetlight costs, locations, and designs.

Mr. Woods left the dais at 2:14 p.m. and returned at 2:16 p.m.

There were no objections or concerns regarding the upgraded phone system, forklift cylinder repair, reserves for additional streetlights, paver block sealing, large oak structural pruning, contractual tree work, playground/park safety surface material, mower decks, and replacement for the 1993 truck. Mr. Black advised that these enhancement requests would be analyzed in order to determine funding sources. There were no objections to the purchase of two commercial front-loaders this year with funds available in reserves.

II. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-41, DETERMINING A MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006 – APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Willson **moved** that Ordinance No. 2006-41 be placed on final reading. **Seconded** by Ms. Taylor. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Hammett opened the public hearing and Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications had been received relative to the ordinance. No one in the audience came forward to speak and Mayor Hammett closed the public hearing.

Mr. Willson **moved** that Ordinance No. 2006-41 be approved and adopted. **Seconded** by Mr. Tacy.

ROLL CALL: MR. TACY, YES; MR. WOODS, YES; MR. WILLSON, YES; MR. MOORE, YES; MR. SIMMONDS, YES; MS. TAYLOR, YES; MAYOR HAMMETT, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

III. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-42, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 - APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Ms. Taylor **moved** that Ordinance No. 2006-42 be placed on final reading. **Seconded** by Mr. Woods. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Hammett opened the public hearing and Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications had been received relative to the ordinance. No one in the audience came forward to speak and Mayor Hammett closed the public hearing.

Mr. Woods **moved** that Ordinance No. 2006-42 be approved and adopted. **Seconded** by Ms. Taylor.

In response to Mr. Woods, Mr. Snyder explained that funds for Harbor Drive streetlights were transferred out of the one cent sales tax account into construction project accounts.

ROLL CALL: MR. MOORE, YES; MS. TAYLOR, YES; MR. WOODS, YES; MR. TACY, YES; MR. SIMMONDS, YES; MR. WILLSON, YES; MAYOR HAMMETT, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CITIZENS TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VENICE, FLORIDA

November 29, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Jon Prieksat called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present: Chair Jon Prieksat, Vice Chair Jim Leis, Barbara Fraser and Ex-Officio member Finance Director Jeff Snyder. Maxine Barritt and Bruce Rand were absent.

Also present were City Manager Marty Black, Deputy Finance Director Joanne Lounsbury and Recording Secretary Susan Schult.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(2:01) Ms. Fraser **moved** that Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 16, 2006, be approved. **Seconded** by Mr. Leis. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Infrastructure Surtax Program – Phase II Update

Mr. Snyder explained the county and all the cities worked together to compile the surtax expenditures report that includes what projects were designated for the one-cent sales tax funding and how funds were spent. He disclosed the one project not done was a beautification of U.S. 41 ByPass because of the current construction, and future projects including a public service facility to house public works, solid waste and parks employees. He stated the city has been working with the county since June and the projected funding is \$25 million in one-cent tax over a ten-year period.

Discussion followed regarding the allocation of funds in the ten year program, the five year plan including a decrease in revenue due to the housing market, change in property tax revenue, projects being within budget, reserves set aside for upcoming projects, Myakka River Park, time keeper and file cabinet items in the one cent budget, bond payments that retire in 2009, fire station No. 3 equipment, and the inclusion of the circus building demolition in the five year plan.

Discussion continued regarding development at the airport, bond funds spent on the artificial reef, phase three projects, the city having funding capability to complete these types of projects without the one-cent tax funding, continuing beach renourishment in 2008/09, rollover funds,

infrastructure improvements, \$100,000 allocated yearly for the downtown area, and the airport industrial park.

Mr. Black answered questions regarding the airport development and a reduction in property tax and building fee revenues.

Discussion continued regarding funding to conduct a public information campaign, types of public information currently accessible and utilizing one-cent sales tax funding for the Grove Terrace project.

(2:46) Ms. Fraser **moved** to accept the infrastructure surtax program phase two report through the fiscal year 2006 and with a recommendation for approval by city council. **Seconded** by Mr. Leis. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Infrastructure Surtax Program – Phase III Future Projects

Mr. Snyder distributed materials on how the county is promoting one-cent sales tax projects, upcoming public forums, potential joint projects and queried the committee on future useful projects.

Discussion took place regarding holding public forums, focusing on specific projects, types of acceptable projects, recurring projects, staff sharing ideas with the committee, and contingencies attached to the one-cent sales tax funding.

Mr. Preiksas reviewed items discussed including the demolition of the circus building, staff sharing their list of projects, scheduling meetings with the community in January, a phase three project timeline website with the county, and a link to the phase three website through the city website.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Chairman

Recording Secretary

**INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX PHASE III
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT LIST**

INFRASTRUCTURE

Road and Sidewalk Improvements	\$	2,500,000	
Sidewalks on Gulf Drive (\$25/ft)		264,000	10,560ft
Add sidewalks to major streets like Bayshore Drive for safety \$25/ft)		1,320,000	58,200ft
US 41 North Beautification		1,109,000	
Water & Sewer Line Replacements		2,502,000	
Decorative banners, holiday décor in the Venice MainStreet district, new sidewalk furnishings throughout downtown, downtown landscaping		902,000	
Cages for backflush (backflow preventers) pipes all over town		60,000	
Replace outdated infrastructure such as sewers		1,520,000	
Runoff ponds and additional vegetation for filtration		3,250,000	
Enlarge the gazebo at Venice Community Center		200,000	
Enlarge city hall parking lot on property along Granada		500,000	
Buy a generator for the community center		85,000	

BUILDING

Concert Hall/Music Center/Performing Arts Center	3,500,000
Co-locate Fire Station #2 with Police Station	4,500,000
Rebuild Fire Station #1	3,555,000
Fire station at the Venice Airport	1,250,000
Fire Training facility renovation	550,000
Construction of burn building	250,000
Replace fire department Hazardous Material Truck	150,000
Replace fire department fireboat	200,000
Relocate City Public Works and Solid Waste Facilities	3,750,000
Beach Parking Facility	2,200,000
Beach Parking (200 being installed north of pier, already added 55 @ Graser Pk)	1,000,000
Airport Industrial Park	1,255,000
Use land adjacent to Venice Airport for hotels, shops, restaurants, etc.	
Expansion and upgrade of Police Department facility	98,000
Upgrade of the Waymire Training facility	500,000
Downtown parking garage on West Venice Avenue (3 tier)	2,750,000
Multi-Jurisdictional Public Safety Training Facility	1,750,000

PARKS

Complete bike paths (VWP is done)	
Replace playground equipment for safety (\$25,000 already budgeted - Lowe's grant requested)	50,000
Additional parks in the east of the city (over national average for parks now) - (cost of Myakka)	1,054,000
Finish the remaining portions of Venetian Waterway Park (done)	Completed
Canoe and Kayak launch at the east end of Laurel Road by Myakka River (part of Myakka)	30,000
Canoe and Kayak launch at Colonia Lane and Albee Farm Road	30,000
Add more tennis courts to Hecksher Park to reduce the waiting time (room for 1 court)	100,000
Buy 30 acres from the airport for preservation \$30,000/acre)	900,000
Tree removal policy to promote Florida native trees (VABI)	150,000
Refurbish Higel Park	200,000

**INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX PHASE III
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT LIST**

BEACH/BOATING

Establish a "designated" mooring field and harbor management plan for Tampaon Center Road area (working on Harbor Management Plan)	
Buy a clean-up vessel to remove debris and dead fish from the harbor (how to pay for operations)	75,000
Support future beach renourishment of Venice Beach	2,425,000
Support red tide research for health and to bring tourists (VHS) capital portion only	10,000
Overnight and short-time docking for visitors along the city shoreline of the ICW; Add dock space lost to condos	2,500,000

MISC

		Legal Ability to use one cent sales tax money to pay questionable
Pay off \$10 million bond (need to do Tramonto Vista Park)	9,145,000	
Weather Alert Siren to cover Venice area	100,000	
Totals	<u>58,239,000</u>	
Projected ten year revenues (one cent sales tax dollars available)	<u>46,046,000</u>	
Must eliminate projects worth	<u>\$ 12,193,000</u>	

**AGENDA
CITY OF VENICE
CITIZENS TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting
Council Chambers**

**Thursday, May 31st
2:00 P.M.**

If you are disabled and need assistance, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of minutes of November 29, 2006 Meeting**
- IV. Infrastructure Surtax Program – Phase III - Future Projects**
- V. Unfinished Business**
- VI. Audience Participation - Five (5) minute time limit per speaker.**
- VII. Adjournment**

NOTE: No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of this meet. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible to making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at this meeting upon which any appeal is to be based.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CITIZENS TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VENICE, FLORIDA

May 31, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Vice Chair Jim Leis called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present: Vice Chair Jim Leis, Maxine Barritt, Barbara Fraser, Alice Hicks and Ex-officio member Finance Director Jeff Snyder. Chair Jon Preiksats was absent.

Also present was Recording Secretary Susan Schult.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(2:03) Ms. Fraser **moved** that Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 29, 2006 be approved. **Seconded** by Ms. Barritt. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Infrastructure Surtax Program – Phase III - Future Projects

Mr. Snyder explained the allowable one cent funding projects, he reviewed past projects funded by the one cent tax, projected revenues of \$46 million, and the proposed surtax is for 15 years. He summarized the projects the county wishes to fund, such as a new judicial system building and jail, a joint fire and law enforcement training center, and the potential cost for the city. He suggested the board prioritize the projects listed and stated these projects will not begin until 2010.

Discussion took place regarding the legality of the \$10 million bond payment, the project list being derived from public input, methods for public input, the list of projects that are not appropriate, such as the reconfiguring of Edmondson and Pinebrook intersection, and how to prioritize the list.

Mr. Snyder reiterated the projects the county is requesting proportionate share for: judicial center addition and School Avenue garage in downtown Sarasota - \$63 million, expanding the south county courts - \$25 million, jail in south county - \$56 million, and medical examiner facility near Manatee County for both counties - \$7 million. The city's proportionate share for all these projects is approximately \$7.5 million.

Discussion followed regarding the process to approve the project list, funding the county projects, lack of support from surrounding municipalities for the county projects and other projects not on the list.

(2:23) Bonnie Nickel, 243 Rio Terra, shared her ideas for converting city buildings to green buildings, she reviewed some of the energy projects the city is working on, suggested funds be identified for energy projects and that solar panels be installed on some city buildings that are energy efficient.

Discussion followed regarding funding for solar energy and building efficiencies, drafting generic terms or a pilot project, other sources of funding, demolishing the circus arena building at a cost of \$1.5 million, and purchase of 30 acres from the airport for wildlife preservation.

The board continued discussing the projects on the list and determined the following projects would be removed: sidewalks on Gulf and Bayshore Drives, decorative banners and holiday décor in the Venice Main Street district, enlarge gazebo at the Venice Community Center, enlarge city hall parking lot on Granada Avenue, beach parking, airport industrial park, downtown parking garage, multi-jurisdictional public safety training facility, purchase of 30 acres from the airport for wildlife preservation, tree removal policy to promote Florida native trees, purchase of a clean up vessel to remove dead fish and debris from the harbor, and overnight and short term docking for visitors along the city shoreline of the intracoastal waterway.

The board requested more information on the following projects: cages for backflow pipes all over town, relocate city public works and solid waste facilities, refurbish Higel Park, establish a designated mooring field and harbor management plan for the Tarpon Center Road area and the payoff of the \$10 million bond. The additional parks on the city's east side project was listed as tentative.

The approved projects are as follows: road and sidewalk improvements, U.S. 41 beautification, water and sewer line replacements, replace outdated utility infrastructure, runoff ponds and additional vegetation for filtration, generator for the Venice Community Center, concert hall/performing arts center, co-locate fire station No. 2 with police station, rebuild fire station No. 1, fire station at the airport, fire training facility renovation, construction of a burn building, replace fire department hazardous material truck and fire boat, expansion and upgrade of police department facility, upgrade the Waymire training facility, replace playground equipment, canoe and kayak launch at the east end of Laurel Road and Colonia Lane and Albee Farrn Road, add more tennis courts to Hecksher Park, support future beach renourishment, support red tide research, and weather alert siren for the Venice area. Two projects added to the list were pilot solar/wind/other energy project and demolishing the circus building.

Recess was taken from 4:34 p.m. until 4:41 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding holding another meeting to discuss items needing more information with staff, the inappropriate project list and items on the list that require agreements with other entities, such as the county for enhancements to the Venice Avenue Bridge.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Chairman

Recording Secretary

**INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX PHASE III
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT LIST**

FUNDING NOT APPROPRIATE

Wheelchair access on and off of Venice Avenue Bridge	County Bridge	
Build entrance to VHA between US 41 by-pass and Venice Avenue	Don't want US 41 cut	
Widen Venice Avenue, bridge and turn lanes at U.S. 41 Business and redesign intersection	County Bridge	
Install Medool Palms on East Venice Avenue, east of U.S. 41 Bypass	County right-of-way No room on site; would need major stormwater overhaul	
Expansion of the Triangle Inn building to allow for more storage and exhibit space	County right-of-way	
Put signs or plants to prohibit parking on the medians on Harbor Drive	County right-of-way	
Reconfigure Edmondson and Pinebrook intersection	County/City intersection	
Bike and walking trail over U.S. 41 near Bird Bay Realty	State right-of-way	
Resurface Nokomis Avenue, San Marco Drive, Harbor Drive	County right-of-way	
Put curbs in front of residential properties	Not if county right-of-way	
Improve parking area at Venice Jetty by hardening surface	State won't allow	
Restore circus arena and make it a museum	Cost prohibitive Where? They are 2.5 miles apart	
Install historical marker between the train station and Circus Bridge	County right-of-way	
Improve lighting and landscape on Harbor Drive	FPL responsibility	
Put all overhead utilities underground	Bridge is an evacuation route	
Close Venice Avenue Bridge to cars and make it pedestrian only and put shops on the bridge like Ponte Vecchio in Florence	WCIND property No dredging unless stormwater causes delta	
City marina at the train station	County already operates	
Dredge harbor by Higley Park and other waterways	Operational; Not eligible for one cent sales tax	
Area public transportation	State DOT	
Strip street medians at Venice Avenue and S. Harbor Drive	State DOT	
Enhance pedestrian signals with sound all along U.S. 41	Operational; Not eligible for one cent sales tax	
Longer pedestrian light at U.S. 41 Business and San Marco	Operational; Not eligible for one cent sales tax	
Remove all shrubs at all intersections, because plants block vision	Operational; Not eligible for one cent sales tax	
Invest in Baker Act training for VPD	Operational; Not eligible for one cent sales tax	
Clean streets surrounding Venice Avenue (we sweep on a schedule now)	Operational; Not eligible for one cent sales tax	
Install parking meters at Venice beaches	Policy decision, Not eligible for one cent sales tax	

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Martin P. Black, AICP, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Administrative Report for City Council Meeting of June 24, 2008

Consent Items:

City Manager, Martin P. Black, requests City Council move for approval on the following consent items:

1. Public Works Director, Len Bramble, requests City Council authorization to proceed with the installation of a streetlight on an existing pole on the east side of Harbor Drive between the addresses of 925 and 933, per the agreement between the City of Venice and Florida Power and Light. The estimated electrical costs of \$12.00 per month are available in account number 001-0921-519.43-00 (General Maintenance).
2. Public Works Director, Len Bramble, requests City Council authorization for the transfer of \$7,044.16 from account number 421-000-272.00-00 (Restricted Plant Capacity Reserves) to account number 421-1202-536.46-00 (Repair and Maintenance Services) for payment to DeJonge Excavating Contractors for emergency repairs to the Gibbs Road pipeline on May 22, 2008.
3. Finance Director, Jeffrey Snyder, requests City Council authorization for the award of Bid #2871 – Strategic Purchasing Agreement for Water, Sewer, and Related Materials for the Utilities Department to Ferguson Waterworks, with the Mayors execution of a three year contract between the City of Venice and Ferguson Waterworks.
4. General Manager Development Services/City Engineer, Nancy Woodley, requests City Council review and approval of the following selection of plant materials and pedestal sign locations in response to Sarasota County's Landscaping Plan for the Jacaranda Roundabout: (1) Plant Materials: Eagleston Holly, Podocarpus, Live Oak, Spanish Stopper and the type of Black Olive that is not "dirty", if available. (2) Pedestal Entry Signs: The City of Venice accepts the proposed pedestal signs, with the request for sign locations in the Jacaranda median north of the roundabout and the Venice Avenue median west of the roundabout. (City funds are not required for this project).

Cc: Charter Officers
Public Information Officer



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
DEPARTMENT



TO: Martin Black, City Manager

FROM: Lenox Bramble, Interim Director of Public Works

DATE: June 12, 2008

SUBJECT: Streetlight Request between 925 and 933 S. Harbor Drive

Background:

We have received a request for the installation of an additional streetlight on the East side of Harbor Drive between the addresses of 925 and 933 to provide increased lighting. Public Works staff has reviewed the area and recommends installation of a 70 watt, cobrahead style with a refractor lens. Florida Power and Light has confirmed that a light can be installed on an existing pole at this location.

Requested Action:

Public Works staff has reviewed the request and recommends that Venice City Council authorize a streetlight installation on an existing pole per the agreement with Florida Power and light and executed by the City Manager.

City Attorney Review:

N/A

Risk and Safety Services Review:

N/A

Funds Availability:

Funds are available in the Public Works General Maintenance budget account 001-0921-519.43-00 for streetlight installation and monthly power usage. Estimated electrical costs are \$12.00 per month.

CC: Lori Stelzer, City Clerk
Julie Williams, Chief of Police

Mr. Tacy **moved** that Ordinance No. 2008-15 be approved and adopted. **Seconded** by Mr. Zavodnyik.

ROLL CALL: MR. ZAVODNYIK, YES; MR. MOORE, YES; MS. LANG, YES; MR. TACY, YES; MAYOR MARTIN, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson requested that a private attorney-client session regarding City of Venice v. the Venice Pier Group, Inc. be scheduled as part of the July 22, 2008 regular council meeting.

Mr. Tacy **moved** to approve the city attorney's request to schedule a private attorney/client session as part of the July 22, 2008 council meeting to discuss the City of Venice v. the Venice Pier Group, Inc. **Seconded** by Mr. Zavodnyik. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

XIV. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Snyder had no report.

XV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Stelzer inquired if Comprehensive Plan Workshop was still scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

There was **consensus** to hold the Comprehensive Plan Workshop scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Black returned to the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

XVI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- ITEM 1 - Proceed with Installation of Streetlight on Existing Pole, East Side of Harbor Drive, Per Agreement between City of Venice and Florida Power and Light, Estimated Electrical Costs of \$12.00 Per Month
- ITEM 2 - Transfer Funds for Payment to DeJonge Excavating Contractors, Emergency Repairs to Gibbs Road Pipeline on May 22, 2008
- ITEM 3 - Award Bid; Strategic Purchasing Agreement for Water, Sewer, and Related Materials for Utilities Department; Ferguson Waterworks; and Mayor's Execution of Three-Year Contract with Ferguson Waterworks
- ITEM 4 - Review and Approval of Plant Materials and Pedestal Sign Locations, Jacaranda Roundabout, City Funds Not Required

Mr. Tacy **moved** to approve Items 1 through 4 of the City Manager's Report. **Seconded** by Mr. Zavodnyik. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.



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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jim Bennett, Council Member Emilio Carlesimo, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels and Council Member Deborah Anderson

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan, and for certain items on the agenda: Police Chief Tom McNulty, Finance Director Jeff Snyder, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Senior Planner Scott Pickett.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Taylor offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Persson.

I. RECOGNITION

Mayor Holic recognized Lori Greenberg, Sertoma Club of Venice, who presented the City of Venice with a \$10,000 check towards the 4th of July fireworks display.

Mayor Holic spoke to the Suncoast BBQ and Bluegrass Bash's recognition as the Southeast United States top event by the Florida BBQ Association.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Elaine Schwarz, 240 S. Harbor Drive, commented on street light issues on Harbor Drive and from Venice Avenue to Armada Road, and safety issues, and requested lights be installed. She distributed a petition and email correspondence with the public works department. Discussion followed regarding incorporating the request into the current study, evaluation by the city manager, and the energy savings audit report.

Douglas Knipple, 100 San Lino Circle, commented on issues at