



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[25-0255](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Nick Pachota, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Ron Smith, Mr. Rick Howard, Mr. Kevin Engelke and Mr. Lloyd Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Jim Boldt

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia, Deputy City Clerk Toni Cone, and for certain items on the agenda: Fire Chief Frank Giddens, Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay, Planner Brittany Smith, and Director of Public Works and Asset Management Ricky Simpson.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Clerk Barcia offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Howard.

I. RECOGNITION

[25-0256](#)

Swearing in Firefighter/Paramedic Christian Langston

Deputy Clerk Barcia performed the swearing in with the assistance of Mayor Pachota.

[25-0257](#)

Swearing in Firefighter/EMT Kevin Pierre and Michael Stonebridge

Deputy Clerk Barcia performed the swearing in for Michael Stonebridge with the assistance of Mayor Pachota.

Kevin Pierre's swearing in will be performed at a later time.

[25-0258](#)

30-Year Service Award, Brian Treat, Utilities Plant Operator

Mayor Pachota, City Manager Lavallee, and Utilities Director Vargas presented this recognition.

[25-0259](#) Proclaim June 2025 as "Small Cities Month", Presented to City Manager Ed Lavallee and Assistant City Manager James Clinch

Mayor Pachota presented this proclamation to City Manager Lavallee and Assistant City Manager Clinch.

Recess was taken from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Don O'Connell, 433 Menendez, spoke on the apartment district and its history, zoning codes, workforce housing, and the John Nolen plan.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve items in the Consent Section. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK

[25-0260](#) Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved in the Consent Section.

B. CITY MANAGER

[25-0261](#) Approve Venice Nights Market Special Event on October 25, 2025 and November 15, 2025 at Maxine Barritt Park

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

[25-0262](#) Approve Veterans Day in Venice Special Event on November 8, 2025 in Centennial Park

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

[25-0263](#) Approve Second Amendment to Agreement for Conveyance of Real Property with Sarasota County

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2025-20](#) An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 25-05RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Properties Located at 225 Park

Boulevard South and 528 Menendez Street (0.6 ± Acres), from Residential, Multi-Family 4 (RMF-4) to Residential, Single-Family 4 (RSF-4); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the ordinance by title only.

Attorney Fernandez questioned Council Members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. There were none.

There were no written communications.

There was no staff update.

There was no applicant update.

Marty Dover, 512 West Venice Avenue, spoke on the Comprehensive Plan, the Land Development Regulations, zoning in apartment district, the John Nolen plan, the property owners rights, what is best for the City and support of the zoning map amendment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Ordinance No. 2025-20 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place on the apartment district.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Smith

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2025-23](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Environment, Article II, Noise Control, by Amending Section 34-32, Maximum Permissible Sound Levels by Land Use, and Section 34-34, Exemptions; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

There was no staff update.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that Ordinance No. 2025-23 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

ORD. NO.
2025-24

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, by Adding Section 70-10, School Zone Speed Infractions; Adopting Findings; Authorizing the Placement, Installation, and Operation of Speed Detection Systems on Specified Roadways Maintained as School Zones that Constitute a Heightened Risk; Establishing Traffic Enforcement Procedures when Speed Zone Detection Systems are Utilized for School Zone Speed Limit Violations; Creating Hearing Procedures Before the Local Special Magistrate; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

There was no staff update.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Ordinance No. 2025-24 be approved and adopted.

Appreciation was expressed to the Venice Police Department for bringing this forward.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

B. RESOLUTION**RES. NO.**
2025-14

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Renaming City Hall Park the Lavallee Municipal Campus; Directing the Incorporation of the Lord-Higel House Into the Campus; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title only.

There were no written communications.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Resolution No. 2025-14 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

Discussion took place regarding the initiative for City Manager Lavallee and commending his ethics.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

VI. NEW BUSINESS**A. ORDINANCES****ORD. NO.**
2025-25

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2024-25, Which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024 and Ending September 30, 2025; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$9,236,600 and Total Expenditures by \$9,236,600; and Providing an Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the ordinance by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Ordinance No. 2025-25 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2025-13](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Adopting a Revised Schedule of Emergency Medical Aid Fees Consistent with Section 30-41 of the City Code of Ordinances; Superseding Resolution No. 2023-31; and Providing an Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2025-13 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place regarding fees being tied to Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

[RES. NO. 2025-15](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Regarding Reimbursement of Certain Costs Relating to the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of the New Fire Station #52, an EOC Storage Facility and a New Solid Waste/Recycling and Fleet Maintenance Facility; Authorizing Staff and Others to Proceed with debt Financing for Such Projects; and Providing an Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2025-15 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

C. PRESENTATION

[25-0264](#)

Citizen Advisory Board Chair Roger Effron and Vice Chair Mary Davis: 2024 Hurricane After Action Report (30 mins.)

Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Chair Roger Effron provided opening comments thanking staff, board members, and Council.

CAB Vice Chair Dr. Mary Davis presented the Hurricane After Action Report, including feedback from citizens and others through the survey, the process, the findings, issues: communications, sandbag distribution, evacuation debris removal drainage, barriers to repairs and rebuilding meeting special needs, volunteers, centralized hurricane resource location, and tourism.

Mayor Pachota thanked Dr. Davis.

There was no public comment.

D. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[25-0265](#)

Approve Donation of Roof Replacement Materials by Modern Metal Roofing for the Centennial Park Restrooms (Mr. Howard)

Mr. Howard introduced the donation request and commented on the donation policy.

There was no public comment.

Public Works Director Simpson provided an overview of the request to provide the donation, and the benefits of the metal roofs versus clay tile.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Engelke, to accept the roof replacement donation for the Centennial Park restrooms by Modern Metal Roofing. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

Discussion took place on appreciation for the donation, the benefits of public private partnership, and the bid policy.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

Recess was taken from 10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

[25-0266](#)

Appoint Member to the Citizen Advisory Board to Fill the Unexpired Term of Lloyd Weed from June 24, 2025 to March 1, 2027

Mayor Pachota introduced the topic.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Weed, to appoint Terry Redman to the Citizen Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Lloyd Weed from June 24, 2025 to March 1, 2027.

Discussion took place in support of the appointment, and the qualifications of the other applicant.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

[25-0267](#)

Direct the Appropriate Charter Officer to Research the Implementation of an EMS Impact Fee (Mayor Pachota)

Mayor Pachota introduced the topic.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Mr. Howard, to direct the appropriate charter officer to research the implementation of an EMS Impact Fee. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

Deputy Clerk Barcia had no report.

City Manager

City Manager Lavallee commented on hosting the Council of Governments, and the significance of Resolution 2025-14 to him, the honor and privilege to serve the city, partnerships with the council body through the years, public trust, and thanked council and staff.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Smith

Mr. Smith had no report.

Council Member Weed

Mr. Weed had no report.

Council Member Frank

Mrs. Frank had no report.

Council Member Howard

Mr. Howard thanked Modern Metal Roofing for the roof donation at Centennial Park.

Council Member Engelke

Mr. Engelke had no report.

Vice Mayor Boldt

Vice Mayor Boldt was absent.

Mayor Pachota

Mayor Pachota reported on the Florida League of Cities nominating committee, the Centennial Public Workshop, the City Manager selection process, July 8 events, Venice Theatre progress, and thanked Congressman Steube's initiative for the Jetty repair funding, and Representative McFarland for her initiative for funding the Equalization Tank project.

He commented on upcoming events, the City Manager candidates public reception tonight, Venice Police Department outreach presentation on homelessness, Bayshore/Laguna public information gathering session, and the 4th of July fireworks.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk