



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Friday, May 13, 2016

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

Capital Improvements Program Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Causero and Council Member Fred Fraize

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez , City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, and for certain items on the agenda: Interim Finance Director Linda Senne, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Airport Property Administrator Heather LeDuc, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Project Manager Tony Wierzbicki.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Anderson.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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2017 Capital Improvements Program

Mr. Lavalley provided an update from previous meetings to include request to defer replacement of the AS 400 server to a future date and have funds reappointed for sidewalk improvement repairs, road improvements, remove consideration to modify median, and leave \$921,000 as placeholder. Mr. Lavalley noted no action will be taken without council review.

Mr. McKeon arrived at 1:34 p.m.

Mr. Lavalley continued his discussion on irrigation in the median and

irrigating hanging flower pots.

Mr. Lavallee continued his update to include safety improvements for the Hamilton building by using funds from the one cent sales tax from Fiscal Year 2017 and asked council to consider amending the existing budget for future restoration of the building. The project would be categorized as Transportation under the one cent sales tax fund.

Discussion ensued on vehicle replacement and respective mileage in the various departments.

It was noted that Chuck Reiter Park improvements is to be removed.

Discussion ensued on widening of the downtown sidewalks, business owners paying a portion, and parade goers using the median. Ms. Weeden noted this Capital improvement Plan (CIP) item does not include the sidewalk expansion, which was deferred, and explained the project details for the downtown corridor road and pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Lavallee reported on the fleet maintenance manager's role in vehicle replacement and noted a vehicle replacement report will be provided during budget workshops. Ms. Senne discussed the fleet fund and respective enterprise funds and noted the vehicle replacement for solid waste/recycling comes from the enterprise fund. Discussion followed on delaying the solid waste vehicle replacement project until Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Lavallee explained the CIP list is to provide council with staff's projected expenses in concept only and council approval will be required for the actual expenditure. Mr. Veneziano discussed the condition of the solid waste/recycling fund, task force discussions, and vehicle replacement schedule.

Discussion followed on solid waste operations, monthly billing vs. charges on tax bill, North Port charges, and Venice charges.

Ms. LeDuc reported on the history of grants received, grant cycle, inability to proceed with projects if grants are not received, landscaping project, t-hangars, dumpster enclosures, paving, utility improvements, and wildlife and security fencing.

Mr. Wierzbicki listed the projects under the state revolving loan program and those programs that will improve the water quality, and reported on the meter replacement and change out program. Mr. Bramble provided information on the meter reading program. Discussion ensued on fencing at utilities facilities, keeping all city facilities in good condition and secure, city-wide vulnerability assessment being conducted, water main replacement, equipment replacement, depreciation schedule, and

future funding sources, including bonds and loans.

Discussion continued on utility improvements tapering off over time, the value of solar panels, relocation of utilities for the ByPass 41 project and possible reimbursement from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Ms. Weeden reported on the Osprey Ditch project, state revolving fund as a revenue source in future years, stormwater capacity reduction for the ditch, flooding events, and runoff into Roberts Bay. Discussion followed on the history of the ditch, including costs, adjacent property owners responsibility for maintenance of the property once it is filled, and pedestrian safety.

Ms. Weeden discussed the list of projects that were delayed due to lack of funding. Discussion continued on the fund balance of the one-cent sales tax at the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and reinvesting in fire facilities and equipment.

Mr. Lavallee reported staff is working on identifying other funding alternatives for the fire department. Discussion followed on reestablishing the pier fun, allocation of Sharky's revenues, boardwalk replacement at Service Club Park, budget guidelines, and reviewing cash flow by fund during the budget workshops.

Council members continued discussion on using one-cent sales tax or extraordinary mitigation fees to fund the delayed projects and improvements at South Brohard Park.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk