



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[22-5589](#)

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Broadcast

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Vice Mayor Nick Pachota, Dr. Mitzie Fiedler, Mr. Jim Boldt, Ms. Helen Moore and Mrs. Rachel Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Joseph Neunder

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia, Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone, and for certain items on the agenda: Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, Director of Public Works and Asset Management Charlie Mopps, Information Technology Director Roger Navarro, and Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer.

In-person: Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, and Mrs. Frank

Via video conference: Mr. Boldt

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Michaels offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Fiedler.

I. RECOGNITION

[22-5590](#)

Venice Historic Preservation Board and the City of Venice Honoring Louella Albee with the Venice Legacy Award, Presented to Liz Mazzu on behalf of the Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club

Mayor Feinsod presented this award.

- [22-5591](#) Proclaim the Month of May 2022 as "National Preservation Month", Presented to Jean Trammell, Chair, Historic Preservation Board
Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation.
- [22-5592](#) Proclaim the Week of May 6-12, 2022 as "National Nurses and Hospital Week", Presented to Sharon Roush, President, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, and Kelly Enriquez, Chief Executive Officer, ShorePoint Health Venice
Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation.
- [22-5593](#) Proclaim the Week of May 15-21, 2022 as "National Public Works Week", Presented to Charlie Mopps, Director of Public Works and Asset Management
Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation.
- [22-5594](#) Proclaim the Week of May 15-23, 2022 as "National Emergency Medical Services Week", Presented to Assistant Chief of EMS Nathan McManus
Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Mayor Feinsod announced that audience comments on the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) would be accepted at this point for those who could not stay until the end of the LDR presentation.

Suzanne Jerry, 118 Savona Way, spoke in favor of habitat preservation, concerns about Planning Commission procedures, and recommended more public workshops on the LDRs.

Lisa Jarvio, 231 Airport Avenue East, expressed concerns on the LDRs, gave information on a petition requesting to limit building height to 35 feet, spoke in favor of preservation of buildings and architecture in Venice, and recommended there be no exceptions or variances allowed to building height.

Ed Martin, 409 Everglades Drive, recommended explanations of revisions to the LDRs at public workshops.

Jon Thaxton, 601 Tamiami Trail South, spoke on behalf of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, requesting to maintain their property's preexisting uses and rights with the implementation of the proposed LDRs.

Kathleen Economides, 1322 Whispering Lane, thanked the Planning Commission for their work and expressed concern about the height

increase in planned unit developments.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Mrs. Frank that items on the Consent Agenda be approved, with the exception of Item No. 22-5596. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[22-5595](#)

Appoint Michael Hoisington to the Fire Pension Board to Complete the Unexpired Term of Deborah Kelly from May 10, 2022 to September 30, 2023

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

C. CITY MANAGER

Airport

[22-5597](#)

Approval to Submit an Application for Federal Assistance to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Accept a Grant Offer to Design and Construct the Rejuvenation of Runway 5-23 and Replace Windsocks at the Venice Municipal Airport in the Amount of \$882,068

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-5598](#)

Approval to Submit an Application for Federal Assistance to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Accept a Grant Offer to Design and Construct the Rejuvenation of Taxiways A,B,C, and E South at the Venice Municipal Airport in the Amount of \$441, 000

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Police

[22-5599](#)

Donate \$5,000 in Forfeiture Funds to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc. (SPARCC)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-5600](#)

Donate \$5,000 in Forfeiture Funds to Family Promise of South Sarasota County

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[22-5601](#)

Donate \$750 in Forfeiture Funds to Florida FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

[22-5596](#)

Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mrs. Frank, to approve Item No. 22-5596 with the inclusion of the City Manager's statement that staff will bring back a proposal to codify standards on capital projects to include environmental, operational, and economic elements as a policy Council may adopt by resolution or ordinance. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2022-06](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 Comprehensive Plan Pursuant to Petition No. 21-64CP by Amending Strategy LU 4.1.1 Transitional Language Specific to Comprehensive Plan Regulatory Language, Figure LU-13: Planning Areas Summary, to Allow a Maximum Building Height for the GCCF Planned Unit Development (PUD) of 55 Feet if Granted by City Council in the South Laurel Neighborhood (Planning Area I); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

There was no written comment and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Pachota, that Ordinance No. 2022-06 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2022-09](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Providing for Placement of the Structure Located at 640 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register of Historical Resources Pursuant to Section 86-28, Historic Preservation, of the City of Venice Code of Ordinances; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the hearing.

It was noted that Council had received written correspondence from the

applicant requesting to proceed with the placement of his home on the local register.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Ms. Moore, that Ordinance No. 2022-09 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO. 2022-10](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Submitting to the Electors of Venice Proposed Amendments to the City of Venice Charter; Providing Directions to the City Clerk; Providing Ballot Titles, Summaries and Text for the Proposed Amendments; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; Providing for an Effective Date for the Ordinance; and Providing for an Effective Date for Approved Amendments

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Discussion took place regarding business owners in the city, and potential resolutions regarding attendance, and authorized document signature process.

There was no written communication and no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Ms. Moore, that Ordinance No. 2022-10 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

[ORD. NO. 2022-11](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 90, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV, Technical Codes, Section 90-204, Permits and Fees; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There was no written communication and no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Vice Mayor Pachota, that Ordinance No. 2022-11 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

ORD. NO.
2022-13

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2021-32 Which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022; by Increasing the Total Revenue \$3,922,796 and Total Expenditures by \$3,922,796; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Dr. Fiedler commended City Engineer Weeden on the thoroughness of her documentation for this ordinance.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Ms. Moore, that Ordinance No. 2022-13 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

B. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

22-5602

Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Locally Funded Agreement Between Sarasota County, Florida, and the City of Venice, Florida, for the Final Design of Improvements on Laurel Road, Approve City Council Endorsement of the April 22, 2022, Correspondence from Sarasota County Letter with Mobility and Road Impact Fee Project Allocations, and Authorize Staff to Draft a Joint Letter with Sarasota County for Right-of-Way Donation by Adjacent Developers

Steve Carr, 149 Avens Drive, on behalf of the Central Venice Coalition and Windwood Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding the Venice Avenue and Pinebrook Road intersection, stating there was no support for a roundabout at this location or for expanding Pinebrook Road to four lanes. He recommended options for improving and widening lanes at the intersection, traffic mitigation measures for Pinebrook Road, and disappointment in a proposed roundabout at the Ridgewood and Pinebrook intersection.

Pat Neal, Neal Communities, 5800 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Sarasota spoke on behalf of Neal Communities, requesting the City to direct their lobbying staff to work on behalf of funding options for this project, to pass today's item, and continue to work on Laurel Road.

City Manager Lavallee commented on mobility fees, Sarasota County, and projects to be determined.

Vice Mayor Pachota called for a point of order of personal preference requesting a recess.

Recess was taken from 10:25 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

A motion was made by Dr Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Pachota, to accept Sarasota County Laurel Road final design local funding agreement and Sarasota County's future funding projections but reserve the right to work with Sarasota County to find an alternative solution to traffic concerns on Ridgewood Avenue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Pachota, to authorize staff to draft a joint letter with Sarasota County for right-of-way donations by adjacent developers. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mrs. Frank, to authorize Capital City Consultants to work on funding options for the Laurel Road project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

Absent: 1 - Dr. Neunder

C. PRESENTATIONS

[22-5603](#)

Bob Vedder: America in Bloom Update (5 min.)

Mr. Vedder gave an update on the America in Bloom competition and thanked City staff for its preparation. He noted the judges were impressed with volunteerism, liked the City working with the private sector, flowers, historical preservation, and recommended areas for improvement including the area between the 41 Bypass and Venice Avenue bridge, and alternative energies improvement.

[22-5604](#)

David Jarvis, President of the Venice Soccer Club: Wellfiled Park Soccer

Fields (10 min.)

Mr. Jarvis presented on Wellfield Park soccer fields, concerns on the condition of the soccer fields, the needs due to the unsafe condition, and the growth of the community and the soccer club.

City Manager Lavallee commented on timeline, interlocal parks agreement, and other options.

Public Works Director Mopps replied to a Council question about the longevity of the proposed repair.

Discussion took place regarding cost, artificial turf, life span, irrigation, and the condition of the fields.

City Manager Lavallee noted this item would need a budget adjustment, not a policy.

Council requested an update in six months.

***D. LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS PRESENTATION.
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE HEARD AFTER THE PRESENTATION.***

[22-5605](#)

Roger Clark, AICP, Planning and Zoning Director, and Barry Snyder, Chair, Planning Commission: Recommended Draft Land Development Regulations and Proposed Zoning Map (This Item is Expected to Take Several Hours and Council Will Break for Lunch Sometime During the Presentation)

City Manager Lavallee commented there is no decision expected at this time. Staff will collect comments and come back with revisions and then request a decision.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark commented on the history of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs).

Planning Commission Chair Snyder and Planning and Zoning Director Clark provided a presentation to include Section 1 Administration defines roles and responsibilities of those involved in the LDRs, table shows the roles, terminology revisions and clarification, decision-making responsibilities, approval timelines, legislative applications, quasi-judicial applications, and different application types.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark explained Preliminary Plat and the division of land, site and development Plan is what comes out of the ground, section one addresses the process between staff and applicant.

Discussion took place regarding the section including the merging of the

Historical Preservation Board (HPB) and the Architectural Review Board (ARB), the appeal process, approval process, grandfathering projects in, decision criteria for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), non-residential zoning in a PUD, and community retail versus regional retail.

Recess was taken from 12:35 p.m. until 1:35 p.m.

Discussion on Section 1 regarding general compatibility concluded.

Planning Commission Chair Snyder presented Section 2, Zoning, to include the Zoning Map which addresses county-zoned properties located in the City, building height, single-family neighborhoods, density, zoning districts, inactive districts, building height and measuring standards, Traditional District Use Table, architect recommendation, parking, and reviewed height table.

Council questions regarding height and zoning, restoration to non-conforming states, attainable housing, the Seaboard District area, Traditional District Use Table, mixed-use district map, setbacks, right-of-way, active-use area, urban forest, and Knight's Trail transition were addressed.

Chair Snyder presented Section 3 Development Standards as it relates to technical details, including parking standards, environmental standards, lighting standards, photometric plans, and electric vehicles.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark answered Council questions regarding electric vehicles, charging stations, complete streets, accessory dwelling units, and trees.

Recess was taken from 3:35 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

There was consensus to continue the meeting until 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair Snyder presented on compatibility, multipliers and setback, buffers, and design alternatives.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark commented on standards, and answered a question about Florida Friendly landscaping.

Chair Snyder presented Section 7 Historic and Architectural Control, Historic Venice and the Venetian Theme District, creation of historic districts, property rights, definition of what the City should protect, local register, demolitions, areas of overlap, merging the HPB and ARB, Certificate of Demolition, Certificate of Relocation, Certificate of Compliance, Certificate of Appropriateness, and answered a Council

question regarding the hospital.

Discussion took place regarding architecture built after 1929, putting them on the local register on an individual basis not as a district, and historic districts.

Planning Commission Chair Snyder and Planning and Zoning Director Clark commented on non-conformities, rebuilding, Section 9 Definitions in addition to the use definitions, and Chapter 88 Building, noting the building official made some recommendations for revisions based on state statute.

Planning Commission Chair Snyder presented Chapter 89, Environmental, specific proposed standards, marine turtles, coastal waterways, state requirements, functional and conservational open space, wildlife and habitat protection, green building strategies and certifications, stormwater retention ponds, lake bank erosion, and vegetation.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark noted Chapter 89 is new, there are no current environmental guidelines, and staff took direction from the Planning Commission on further gopher tortoise protection.

Discussion took place on language, gopher tortoise protection, wildlife assessment, green building standards, connectivity, and city building checklist for municipal buildings.

Jill Pozarek, 161 Portofino Drive, North Venice, spoke on the North Venice Neighborhood Alliance, taking time on the LDRs, a proposed shopping center on Laurel Road, against commercial development in a PUD, the intent of commercial in PUDs to be neighborhood in scale, and recommended following the same process as Comprehensive Plan and conducting specific workshops.

Tommye Whittaker, 613 West Venice Avenue, spoke in favor of downtown building height restrictions and recommended 35 feet with no exceptions.

Nancy DeForge, 332 Laurel Hollow Drive, expressed concerns about historic preservation and recommended the language in Section 7 from draft 1 of the LDRs be reinstated.

Jeffery Boone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, addressed downtown building heights and stated that the current regulations work, and noted examples of current properties that have exceptions.

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTSCity Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

City Clerk Michaels had no report.

City Manager

City Manager Lavallee commented on the tour the Manasota League of Cities had of Venice.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS***Council Member Boldt***

Mr. Boldt had no report.

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore had no report.

Council Member Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler had no report.

Council Member Neunder

Dr. Neunder was absent.

Council Member Frank

Mrs. Frank had no report.

Vice Mayor Pachota

Vice Mayor Pachota had no report.

Mayor Feinsod

Mayor Feinsod had no report.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk