



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Road/Transportation Workshop

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Ron Feinsod

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia, Acting Information Technology Director Eric Tanner, and Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone, and for certain items on the agenda: Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, and City Engineer Kathleen Weeden.

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

Via video-conference: Mr. Boldt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Fiedler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATION

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City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, and Aimee L. Giachrio, Senior Project Manager, Wade Trim: City of Venice Transportation Asset Management Plan: Maintenance, Funding, Capacity and Future Expansion

City Manager Lavallee commented on the purpose of the meeting, funding,

and the consultant.

Assistant City Manager Clinch introduced the speakers for the workshop.

City Engineer Weeden presented on transportation, funding sources, city resources and staff time, road ownership and maintenance, capacity versus maintenance, county road and mobility fees, gas tax funding needs, and historical paving program. She also spoke on paving cost projects with treatment and final resolution of budget deficit options.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark discussed transportation planning, process and procedure, planning level, and project level. Mr. Clark continued with an explanation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and components of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), identification of projects, prioritization of projects, and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) versus Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS).

Ms. Giachrio presented on project traffic analysis, traffic impact study, and trip generation table.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark shared a graphic map and spoke on traffic studies and transportation improvement process.

Recess was taken from 9:56 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.

There was consensus to reorder the agenda to have audience participation before discussion.

Dr. Neunder requested ideas regarding electric vehicles to take to the MPO board.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dick Longo, 295 Marsh Creek Rd, commented on the Central Venice Coalition continuing to meeting and offered Council a written study or presentation. He noted interest in innovative funding sources.

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City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, and Aimee L. Giachrio, Senior Project Manager, Wade Trim: City of Venice Transportation Asset Management Plan: Maintenance, Funding, Capacity and Future Expansion

Discussion took place regarding local roads, paving, road maintenance, improving quality of life for residents, options to add bike lanes, updating the CIP, Council direction on evaluation of certain roads, and reevaluating the Comprehensive Plan.

City Manager Lavallee commented on the equivalent of a local road priority

model and process.

City Engineer Weeden answered a Council question regarding what factors are considered and noted this is a good time to move forward with assessments.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark responded to a Council question regarding traffic volume analysis and noted that the City relies on County data primarily.

City Engineer Weeden discussed the use of public input by the traffic committee in addressing citizen requests for traffic improvements.

Assistant City Manager Clinch commented on distinctions and responsibilities between local and county roads and noted the majority of local roads do not have capacity issues.

Discussion took place regarding the re-striping project and excellent communication from staff, multi-modal transportation, road ownership, environmental concerns, and a request for an update from the Transportation Committee.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark and City Engineer Weeden stated their departments would be interested in the Central Coalition information and the group could meet with staff before information is presented to Council.

Recess was taken from 10:51 a.m. until 10:55 a.m.

There was consensus to have staff bring back a local road priority list that pertains to city roads with bicycle and pedestrian information to provide project priorities, not funding.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk