



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Finance Director Jeff Snyder, Planner Roger Clark, and Utilities Director Len Bramble.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Lavallee.

I. RECOGNITION

[14-0643](#) Proclaim National Garden Week, Presented to Members of the Venice Area Garden Club

This Proclamation was presented by Mayor Holic.

[14-0644](#) Proclaim May 2014 as National Preservation Month, Presented to Jean Trammell, Chair, Historic Preservation Board

This Proclamation was presented by Mayor Holic.

[14-0645](#) Venice Historic Preservation Board and the City of Venice Present the Venice Legacy Award to H. M. (Bud) Wimmers

This Recognition was presented by Mayor Holic.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve items in the Consent Section. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK[14-0646](#)

Approval of Minutes - September 3, 2013 Special Meeting (Budget Public Hearing); October 21, 2013 Workshop (Public Roads); November 13, 2013 Certification of Election and Swearing In, November 20, 2013 Workshop (Council Protocol/Procedure), November 25, 2013 Workshop (Circus Arena Site Request for Proposals), and December 4, 2013 Private Attorney-Client Session (Citizens for Sunshine and Anthony Lorenzo); and May 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGERPublic Works[14-0647](#)

Approval of Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space System Master Plan Letter of Understanding Between Sarasota County, and the Cities of Sarasota, North Port and Venice

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Airport[14-0648](#)

Acceptance of Conditions for the Release of the Federal Obligations Associated with the Properties Identified in the Letter from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Orlando Airports District Office (ADO) Dated May 15, 2014

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS[14-0601](#)

Execute Quit Claim Deed from the City of Venice to Sarasota County to Convey Right-of-Way and all Improvements for the North-South Connector (Jacaranda Boulevard)

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing and Ms. Stelzer read the notice of public hearing.

Ms. Weeden provided a status on the project, and noted the reason for an extension on the transfer.

Ms. Gates referenced an email from National League of Cities regarding

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to execute the quit claim deed from the City of Venice to Sarasota County to convey right-of-way and all improvements for the North-South Connector Road (Jacaranda Boulevard). The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

RES. NO.
2014-19

Authorizing the Termination of the Lease, as Amended, Between the City of Venice and Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County, Inc. of Approximately Two Acres Located Off of Knight's Trail and Authorizing the City of Venice to Convey that Same Property with Restrictions to Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing and Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

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

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2014-19 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates, Council Member Daniels and Mayor Holic

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

ORD. NO.
2014-15

Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Utilities, Section 74-2, Availability of Water and Sewer Service; Connection to City System and Section 74-10, Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water Service

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Bramble provided background information, and answered council questions regarding reclaimed water and future charges.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Carlesimo, that Ordinance No. 2014-15 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates, Council Member Daniels and Mayor Holic

B. PRESENTATIONS[14-0649](#)

Jeff Snyder, Finance Director: Monthly Financial Report (10 min.)

Mr. Snyder provided an update on the monthly financial report to include building, general fund revenue projections, and sales tax, and responded to council questions regarding reporting of special mitigation fees collected, and the status of preliminary real estate tax.

Mr. Bramble commented on critical issues to include the cleaning of gravity sewer lines on Sleepy Hollow Road, and removal of moss and algae from the reclaimed water pond at the water reclamation facility, and answered council questions regarding operational budget, and reprocessing water.

C. RESOLUTIONS[RES. NO.](#)
[2014-20](#)

Authorizing the Superseding of Resolution No. 2011-04, and Authorizing the Municipal Code Enforcement Board to Reduce Fines Imposed by the Code Enforcement Board After Receipt of a Written Request and Holding a Public Hearing

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Sherman, that Resolution No. 2014-20 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates, Council Member Daniels and Mayor Holic

[RES. NO.](#)
[2014-21](#)

Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Venetian Walk Partners II, LLLP, at Venetian Walk, Phase 2

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Following the motion, discussion ensued on phase II of the project, funding, and the bid process.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that Resolution No. 2014-21 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates, Council Member Daniels and Mayor Holic

D. COUNCIL ACTION[14-0650](#)

Approval of Special Event Agreement for Venice Fire Benevolent Fund Father's Day 5K - June 14, 2014

Mr. Clark provided background information on the event.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Item No. 14-0650. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[14-0651](#)

Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between City of Venice and Sarasota County Regarding the Transfer of County Maintained Local Roads on the Isle of Venice to the City of Venice and the Transfer of a Segment of Laurel Road and a Segment of Pinebrook Road, Including a Bridge, to Sarasota County

Ms. Weeden introduced David Jackson, provided an overview of the agreement, and summarized concerns to include road impact fees, and Laurel Road landscape buffer maintenance.

Discussion followed on replacing the verbiage "Isle" with "City" on the first page of the interlocal agreement, the use of road impact fees for private purposes, and the milling and resurfacing of the Pinebrook Road/Venice Avenue intersection.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Carlesimo, to approve Item No. 14-0651.

Mr. Persson recommended not changing the verbiage unless the county determines it is necessary.

Discussion took place on tabling the item to allow Ms. Weeden to obtain clarification on the County's meeting date.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Carlesimo, to table Item No. 14-0651. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[14-0652](#)

2015 City Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Lavalley provided a summary of the 2015 City Council meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 14-0652. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VI. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Attorney

Mr. Persson stated he will be asking council for a Private Client/Attorney Session on July 22, 2014 or July 23, 2014 regarding the Altier Litigation.

City Manager

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A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Bennett, to remove from the table Item No. 14-0651. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Ms. Weeden stated that she confirmed with the County staff that they will not be hearing this item until June 9, 2014 or June 10, 2014 and that making the change to strike the verbiage "upon the isle" in the whereas clause would be appropriate.

Mr. Bennett stated his concern with inappropriate use of funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Carlesimo, to approve Item No. 14-0651, with the revision to strike "on the Isle" and replace it with "City". The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

[14-0653](#)

Approval for Mayor Holic to Sign the Letter for Mayors Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Continued Funding Letter

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Carlesimo, that Item No. 14-0653 be approved. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[14-0654](#)

Evening City Council Meetings

Mayor Holic referenced emails regarding evening meetings for zoning changes.

Discussion ensued on past experiences with lack of attendance at evening meetings, occasional evening meetings for public

accommodation, developer's meetings, and the possibility of evening planning commission meetings.

There was council consensus to maintain the existing meeting schedule.

Other Council Member Reports

Mr. Bennett commented on the status of homelessness activity in the county.

Mr. Carlesimo commented on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board tour.

Mr. Daniels commented on the repaving of a section of Laurel Road, and roadside landscaping, and requested council submit a letter of support to the county commissioners. He discussed the county's suggestion that council send a letter to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the sign on I-75 and Laurel Road.

Mr. Bennett responded that once the proper language is received it will be an agenda item, commented on the proposal by Venice MainStreet to have the sign at the S.R. 681 exit, and stated a city and county resolution will be required.

Ms. Gates requested an update on the turn arrow at Indian Avenue.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk
