



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 Caution and Council Member Fred Fraize

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Interim Finance Director Linda Senne, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Information Technology Director Jeff Bolen, Utilities Director Tim Hochuli, Grants Coordinator Brenda Westlake, and Administrator Coordinator Dorothy Tary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

I. RECOGNITION

[16-1979](#)

Recognition of 2016 Water Conservation Poster Contest Winners: Fifth Grade Venice Elementary Student Kristin Clark, Fourth Grade Epiphany Cathedral Student Kaitlyn Giglio, and Fifth Grade Epiphany Cathedral Student Nevaeh Perez Bazan

Mayor Holic recognized Ms. Tary for organizing the water conservation poster contest.

Ms. Gates presented certificates to Kristin Clark and Kaitlyn Giglio.

[16-1980](#)

Proclaim May 15-21, 2016 as Water Reuse Week: Presented to Timothy Hochuli, City of Venice Director of Utilities, Lindsay Marten, Past Chair of the Manasota Chapter of the Florida Water Environment Association and Mike Knowles, Chair of the Manasota Chapter of the Florida Water Environment Association

Mr. Fraize presented this proclamation to Mr. Hochuli.

[16-1981](#)

Proclaim May 2016 as National Preservation Month: Presented to Jean Trammell, Historic Preservation Board Chair

Ms. Anderson presented this proclamation to Ms. Trammell.

[16-1982](#)

Venice Historic Preservation Board and the City of Venice Recognize Harry E. Case for a Venice Legacy Award - Presented to Sue Chapman and Pat Hobbs

Mayor Holic read this award.

Ms. Trammell presented this award to Sue Chapman, Pat Hobbs and other family members and friends.

[16-1983](#)

Venice Historic Preservation Board and the City of Venice Recognize Venice Nokomis Women's Club for a Venice Legacy Award - Presented to Jeana Hilligoss, President

Mayor Holic read this award.

Ms. Trammell presented this award to Jeana Hilligoss and members of the Venice Nokomis Women's Club.

[16-1984](#)

Council Member Bob Daniels, Certificate of Completion of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Weekend Institute for Elected Officials

Mayor Holic presented this certificate of completion to Mr. Daniels.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Holic recognized Mr. McKeon's attendance at the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials, III: The Leadership Challenge.

Frank Wright, 521 Harbor Drive S., commented on preservation of the city and replicating the old hotel.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, expressed his concern with the public safety bond referendum and the taxable burden impact on affordable apartment housing, repaving dilapidated streets, and lack of a site for a new police station.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fraize to approve items in the Consent Section with the exception of Item Nos. 16-1986 and 16-1988. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. CITY CLERK

[16-1985](#) Minutes of the April 26, 2016 Regular Meeting

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

Police

[16-1989](#) Request Council Approval to Accept Funds from West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Waterway Development Program for Police Marine Patrol in the Amount of \$90,000

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

[CON. NO. 51-2016](#) Approval of Contract with TLC Diversified, Inc. in the Amount of \$572,400.00 for the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Replacement

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1990](#) Authorization to Purchase Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Replacement Meters from Innovative Metering Solutions in the Amount of \$230,000

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1987](#) Request Council Approval of Ranking of Proposals for RFQ 3022-16 Utilities Engineer of Record and Authorize Staff to Begin Negotiations with the Top Eight Ranked Firms

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Engineering

[16-1986](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute King Engineering Associates, Inc. Work Assignment No. 14-01 Amendment No. 2, Additional Design Services for Parking Area No. 3, in the Amount of \$31,175.00

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding RV parking locations at parking area no. 3, RV parking at South Brohard Park, including additional location maps in future agendas, and funding and total costs of the project.

Discussion ensued regarding budgeting, funding from Sarasota County, posting additional RV parking signs, limiting RV sizes, ordinance modifications, clearing the property, buffering and landscaping, signage, and safety considerations.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member

Daniels to approve Item No. 16-1986. The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson and Mr. Fraize opposed.

Information Technology

- [16-1988](#) Request Council Approval for the Purchase of Storage Area Network from CDW Government LLC in an Amount not to exceed \$225,000.00
- Mr. Bolen provided an overview of the item to include compatibility, storage capacity, and consolidating data.
- A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve Item No. 16-1988. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- [16-1991](#) Granting of a Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light to Commence at the Intersection of the West Right of Way Line of Nokomis Avenue and the North Right of Way Line of Turin Street for the Expansion of the Venice Art Center at 390 S. Nokomis Avenue
- Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.
- Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications have been received and no one signed up to speak.
- Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.
- A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve Item No. 16-1991. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

B. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

- [16-1992](#) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update, Including Five-Year Transportation Plan, Venice Five-Year Projects Review and MPO Priorities (Daniels)
- Mr. Daniels provided an update to include the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) five year plan and the FDOT transportation improvement program report.
- Discussion took place regarding traffic signalization projects in the FDOT plan and funding of projects.
- Mr. Daniels continued to provide an update on the Sarasota County 2013-2014 crash summary report.
- Discussion ensued on funding sources and funding for a traffic

signalization study.

Mr. Lavallee spoke to pursuing discussion on signalization at Palermo Place and Business 41.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon to direct staff to provide information to Mr. Daniels to take to MPO to request turn arrow lights be installed at the intersection of Palermo Place and Business 41.

Discussion took place regarding the location of the proposed light and safety concerns.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

16-1993

Direct Staff to Prepare a Request for Proposals to Engage in Professional Planning Services to Focus on Three Distinct Areas of Venice: 1) Replacing the Post Office building with a Replica of the Park View Hotel; 2) Update the Seaboard Area Plan as Presented in the 2004 CRA study; and 3) Present Suggestions for the Construction Areas in the Northeast Portion of the City with Examples of How Connectivity, Walkability and Green Space can be Incorporated into the Existing Planned Unit Developments with the Successful Bidder Providing His/Her View of What the Future Ideal Community Should Look Like with Rationale to Support that View (Holic)

Mayor Holic reviewed the item.

Discussion took place regarding obtaining feedback from the planning department, recommendation of the planning commission, investors determining use of the post office property, delaying discussion on the Seaboard area, waiting until the comprehensive plan and parks master plan are completed, and obtaining feedback from residents.

Mayor Holic spoke to previous council direction, sale of the post office building to the city only if there is a plan, updating the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) study, and the need for a letter of necessity.

Discussion continued regarding timing, receiving input prior to proceeding, prior discussion regarding purchase of the post office property, safety issue with transports, efforts to relocate the distribution center, possibly postponing discussion to a later date, and discussion with the planning commission.

Mayor Holic pulled this item from the agenda.

Recess was taken from 10:41 a.m. until 10:53 a.m.

E. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO.
2016-07](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Ordering and Calling for a Bond Referendum Election to be Held on November 8, 2016, in the City Of Venice, Florida, to Determine if the Qualified Electors Residing in the City Approve the Issuance by the City of General Obligation Bonds that Shall Mature not Later than 30 Years from their Date of Issuance in an Aggregate Principal Amount not Exceeding \$25,000,000 Payable from Ad Valorem Property Taxes Levied Without Limit Against all Taxable Property Within the City in Order to Finance Certain Public Safety and Public Works Capital Improvements Within the City; Providing Severability and an Effective Date

Without objection, Vice Mayor McKeon reordered the agenda to hear this item at this time.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and stated no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels that Ordinance No. 2016-07 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding the complexity of the referendum, removing facilities off of Wellfield Park, the new police facility, support of residents regarding the new police building but concern with the cost, and the use of joint space with Sarasota County.

Mr. Persson provided insight on the appraisal process for purchasing property and obtaining eight percent of the revenue for city use.

Ms. Senne spoke to the determination of cost per home based on the tax value of the home.

Mr. Lavalley commented on items included in the not to exceed amount, facility costs, and site identification.

Discussion followed regarding increased tax value, significant tax increases, relocation of the public works administration and maintenance, back up plan if the bond referendum fails, timeframe to pass the ordinance, solid waste and recycling, finding ways to partner with the county, and roads being a priority.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates to call the question. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Discussion continued regarding the Sarasota County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility and including a cap in the amount for the bond referendum.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels to amend the motion to include a maximum of \$20 million on the public safety bond. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels to postpone Ordinance No. 2016-07 until the May 24, 2016 city council meeting and direct the city manager and staff to provide a revised proposal to city council.

Discussion ensued regarding public safety facility support, voting on increments individually to be placed on the bond, reviewing costs individually, costs to move the recycling solid waste facility, partnerships for indoor gun ranges, and the need for clearer staff direction.

Council Member McKeon withdrew his motion, and Council Member Daniels withdrew his second.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels to postpone Ordinance No. 2016-07 until the first meeting following a workshop on the public safety and public works capital improvements in the bond referendum. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[ORD. NO.
2016-08](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Ordering and Calling for a Bond Referendum Election to be Held on November 8, 2016, in the City of Venice, Florida to Determine If the Qualified Electors Residing in the City Approve the Issuance by the City Of General Obligation Bonds that Shall Mature not later than 20 Years from their Date of Issuance in an Aggregate Principal Amount not Exceeding \$18,000,000 Payable from Ad Valorem Property Taxes Levied Without Limit Against all Taxable Property Within the City in Order to Finance Certain Transportation-Related Capital Improvements Within the City; Providing Severability and an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and stated no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon that Ordinance No. 2016-08 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

Recess was taken from 11:53 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Abigail Gage, 600 Alhambra Road, commented on the group Transition Venice, environmental management, inclusion of sea level rise in the comprehensive plan, and areas with high density population.

C. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE HEARD AT 1:00 P.M. OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER - AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE DELAYED OR MOVED FORWARD TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATIONS

[16-1995](#)

Julie Karleskint, PE., Hazen & Sawyer, City of Venice Facilities Plan Clean Water and Stormwater for Florida Department of Environmental

Protection Agency, State Revolving Fund Program (10 min.)

Ms. Karleskint reviewed the clean waters facility plan to include the purpose, proposed projects, East Gate utilities phases one through three, reclaimed water storage, proposed reclaimed water expansion and looping projects, downtown district stormwater improvements, stormwater rehabilitation, environmental impacts and benefits, scheduling, and action requested.

Ms. Weeden spoke to coordination with road improvement projects.

Ms Westlake responded to council questions regarding funding of the project.

Discussion ensued regarding prioritization of projects, stormwater safety issues, fixed funding, and payment of the loan at the current rates.

Ms. Stelzer stated no one signed up to speak.

D. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2016-14](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Relating to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Fund Loan Program; Adopting the City of Venice Clean Water and Stormwater Facilities Plan, May 2016; Making Findings; Authorizing of Facilities Plan and Capital Financing Plan; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels that Resolution No. 2016-14 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

[16-1994](#)

Use of One Phone Number to Handle Citizens' Concerns (Holic)

Mr. Lavalley spoke to 24 hour coverage at the utilities department, potential interactive software systems for purchase and discussion with Sarasota County, responded to council questions regarding paying the same amount as county residents, and recommended providing information to council on the software system.

Discussion followed regarding workload, staff providing cost for software and cost to use county resources, and support of an automated system.

Mr. Bramble provided information on meetings in June to review

programs at other municipalities.

Discussion continued regarding pursuing a partnership with Sarasota County.

V. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer reported to Mr. McKeon not being available for the joint meeting with the planning commission and council member availability.

Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the joint meeting, potential adjustments to agendas to allot time for comprehensive plan updates, and titling the meeting as a "joint workshop".

Ms. Stelzer requested feedback regarding the public safety workshop and requested to schedule the workshop on June 14, 2016.

City Manager

[16-1996](#)

Venice Library Update

Mr. Bramble provided an update to include plans and permit application approval, Sarasota County meeting with Magnum Renovations, completion date, bids for a construction manager, itemized estimate of probable cause, and jurisdiction for parking under the KMI bridge.

Discussion followed regarding safety issues at the Venetian Waterway Trail.

Mr. Bramble responded to council questions regarding the timeframe for completion.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding the developed plan to direct trail users to the south side of the Hamilton Building and installing a delineated lane for pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Bramble provided information on workshops regarding the new library, draft siting report, and review of priority sites that have been identified for a joint facility.

Discussion followed regarding budgeting for an archives museum in conjunction with the library, and the potential demolition of the current library.

Mr. Lavallee provided an update on the evacuation collars to include funding.

Mayor Holic provided information on the first installation date and the number of collars installed.

VI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize had no report.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon had no report.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels had no report.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates displayed a photo from the Suncoast BBQ Bash and spoke to the number of attendees, and the economic impact to the county.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson had no report.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero had no report.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic reported on the Florida League of Mayor's meeting and requested council members think about future discussion regarding federal priorities.

Discussion followed regarding the requirement for a plan for property use regarding the sale of the post office property and cost of a new building.

Mayor Holic continued his report on the possibility that the city will not have the Suncoast BBQ Bash in the future.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Judie Keeler, Venice Heritage Inc., commented on the creation of the new museum and archives building, and advantages to the proposed

consolidation of a new library and museum.

Ms. Anderson left the dais at 2:41 p.m. and returned at 2:43 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk