



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero, Council Member Fred Fraize, Council Member Charles Newsom and Council Member Margaret Fiedler

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Procurement Manager Peter Boers, Planning Manager Roger Clark, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Finance Director Linda Senne, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Airport Director Mark Cervasio, and Director of Historical Resources Harry Klinkhamer.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant Robert Goodson.

I. RECOGNITION

[18-3155](#) Swearing In: Police Sergeant Robert Goodson

Mayor Holic swore in Police Sergeant Robert Goodson.

[18-3156](#) Proclaim the Week of April 22-28, 2018 as "Paint the Town Purple Week", Presented to Maryanne Bolduc, 2018 Venice Relay for Life Event Lead, and Brittney Hoogland, American Cancer Society Community Manager

Council Member Newsom presented this proclamation to Maryanne Bolduc.

[18-3157](#) Proclaim March 2018 "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month", Presented to Loveland Center, Inc. President and CEO Patrick Guerin, Chief Development Officer Rafael Robles and Director of Community Outreach Jennifer Bushinger

Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Rafael Robles.

[18-3158](#) Proclaim March 2018 as Florida Archaeology Month, Presented to Harry Klinkhamer and Jeffrey Moates, Director, West Central and Central Regional Centers, Florida Public Archaeology Network, University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology

Council Member Fraize presented this proclamation to Harry Klinkhamer and Jeffrey Moates.

[18-3160](#) Recognizing Dorothy "Bomber" Herb, World War II Fighter Pilot Trainer

Mayor Holic presented Dorothy Herb with a certificate of appreciation.

[18-3159](#) Certificate of Recognition to Suncoast Air Center for Sponsoring Wings of Freedom

Mayor Holic presented this certificate to Alex Landry.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Paul Hollowell, Venice Aviation Society Incorporated (VASI), introduced VASI's new president Dave Wimberly.

Mr. Wimberly thanked council for their support of the Venice airport.

Dr. George Davis, 121 Castile Street, spoke regarding pocket parks and path visibility to the pocket park south of Park Boulevard between Granada Avenue and Castile Street.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to approve items in the Consent Agenda with the exception of CON. NO. 114-2018. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[18-3161](#) Reappoint Frank Codella to the Historic Preservation Board to Serve a Term from April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2021

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[18-3162](#) Reappoint Greg Reiter to the Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve a Term from April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2021

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[18-3163](#) Appoint Kevin O'Connor to the Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve a Term from April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2021

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[18-3164](#)

Appoint Paul Moseley to the Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve a Term from April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2021

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[18-3165](#)

Minutes of the February 9, 2018 Hurricane Irma After Action Review Joint Meeting, February 27, 2018 Regular Meeting, and February 28, 2018 Joint Meeting with Sarasota County

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

C. CITY MANAGER

Police

[CON. NO.
114-2018](#)

Approval of an Agreement with Dewberry Architects, Inc. In The Amount of \$870,257 for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for the City of Venice Public Safety Facility

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve CON. NO. 114-2018.

Discussion took place regarding environmental design, green building strategies, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, comprehensive plan, and energy strategies included in the architectural plan.

Mr. Boers spoke on LEED certification and goal.

Discussion followed regarding solar consideration, saving energy and fuel, building design and operational costs, reducing carbon footprint, Tesla roof tiles, project timeline and schedule, bond referendum, use of the term "generally" in section 3.6.2.1 of the contract, and architect involvement through the construction phase.

Ms. Fernandez responded to council questions regarding using police and fire impact fees for solar.

Discussion followed regarding city revenues, and contractor specifications and oversight.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[18-3166](#)

Approve Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Lease Agreement

Between the City of Venice and Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI)

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 18-3166.

Discussion took place regarding future use of the building.

Mr. Lavallee noted public works relies on Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) for their efforts.

Discussion followed regarding lease termination, whether VABI should move to the Hamilton Building, and lease expiration.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2018-03](#)

A Resolution of The City of Venice, Florida, Vacating a Portion of an Existing Right-of-Way at 775 S. Tamiami Trail, as Recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 29 And 29a, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2018-03 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Vice Mayor Daniels, Mr. Caetero, Mr. Fraize, Mr. Newsom and Ms. Fiedler

B. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO. 2018-08](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 17-15RZ, Relating to Property in the City of Venice Located at 224 Gulf Drive and Owned by Timothy and Karen Strelau, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from Sarasota County, Residential Single-Family 3 (RSF-3) to City of Venice, Residential Single-Family 3 (RSF-3); Providing for Repeal of all

Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi-judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Fernandez questioned council on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications since the last hearing. There were no conflicts of interest or ex-parte communications.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2018-08 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Vice Mayor Daniels, Mr. Cautero, Mr. Fraize, Mr. Newsom and Ms. Fiedler

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2018-09](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 17-14RZ, Relating to Property in the City of Venice Located at 436 Baynard Drive and Owned by Dale and Melinda Kunz, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from Sarasota County, Residential Single-Family 3 (RSF-3) To City Of Venice, Residential Single-Family 3 (RSF-3); Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi-judicial)

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Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Fernandez questioned council on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications since the last hearing. There were no conflicts of interest or ex-parte communications.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2018-09 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Vice Mayor Daniels, Mr. Cautero, Mr. Fraize, Mr. Newsom and Ms. Fiedler

ORD. NO.
2018-10

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending Ordinance No. 2008-10, Which Adopted a Pre-Annexation Agreement with SJMR Limited Partnership, a Florida Limited Partnership, and Sandra S. Hurt, as Trustee of the Carlton J. Hurt Trust; by Adopting a Second Amendment to the Pre-Annexation Agreement, to Remove a Provision that Required Havana Road be Improved and Extended from Border Road to Laurel Road as a County/Public Road; Providing for Conflicts Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2018-10 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed regarding egress to certain properties, emergency access to Laurel Road, concern with eliminating a connector road, and petitioner reviewing alternatives for pedestrian, bicyclists and vehicles.

Mr. Clark noted applicant has options connecting Border Road to Laurel Road.

Discussion followed regarding project plans, and Myakka River Park and the Hurt property exit.

Mayor Holic reopened the public hearing.

Jeffery Boone, representing the applicant, spoke regarding the comprehensive plan, density, connector road requirement, proposal to build a road connecting Border Road and Laurel Road with gates, emergency access, and MURT (multi-use recreational trail).

Discussion followed regarding homeowner association (HOA) policy to open gates during power outages and/or emergencies.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Vice Mayor Daniels, Mr. Cautero, Mr. Newsom and Ms. Fiedler

No: 1 - Mr. Fraize

Recess was taken from 10:42 a.m. until 10:56 a.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

18-3167

Accept and Authorize Execution of a Utility Easement Agreement with DAUS Capital, LLC

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, to approve Item No. 18-3167. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18-3168

Parking Issues (Holic)

Mayor Holic spoke regarding the previous mobility study, beach parking, approved 2016 construction bid for a parking lot between north Brohard Park and Service Club Park, beach access points, Caspersen Beach, and requested council to have the parking area previously approved put back on the table and proceed with construction.

Discussion followed regarding previous arrangements to build the parking lot and Lake Venice Golf Club.

Ms. Weeden provided an aerial of the project location and spoke on the number of parking spaces, removing wetland, property line fence, Brohard Park, negotiating with the golf course on right-of-way, and property development.

Discussion took place regarding RV parking, special lighting, golf course property and maximum number of available parking, roadside parking, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) controlled land.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the property boundary movement.

Discussion continued regarding the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)'s mobility study, Venice Beach, parking capacity, Harbor Drive, dog park, Maxine Barritt Park, county roadside parking, Brohard Park, adding fence separating the city's property and the golf course, removing dog sign at Maxine Barritt Park, 2016 parking lot project bid, the need for more parking, construction cost, prioritizing city needs, sales and city revenue, parking lot square footage, FDOT grant to study parking and traffic flow, resident survey, city's partnership with FDOT, maintaining city assets, and Siesta Key Beach.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, to direct staff to contact bidder A2 Group, Inc. to see if they are willing to honor

the bid from 2016 in the amount of \$440,112.09, and to contact the Venice Pier Group (VPG) to see if they are willing to fund the project, or a portion of the project, for a four year period.

Discussion followed regarding the general fund, West Villages, interest free loan, the VPG, and expanding parking area.

Vice Mayor Daniels called the question. The motion carried by voice vote 4 to 3 with Mr. Cautero, Mr. Fraize, and Ms. Fielder opposed.

The motion carried by voice vote 4 to 3 with Mr. Cautero, Mr. Fraize, and Ms. Fiedler opposed.

Recess was taken from 11:47 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

B. PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE HEARD AT 1:00 P.M. - AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE DELAYED OR MOVED FORWARD TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATIONS

Mike Pachota, Sharky's Restaurant and Venice Pier Group, spoke regarding pier, rent, employees, and noted rent check was provided to Mr. Lavallee.

Justin Pachota, Sharky's Restaurant, spoke regarding employees and the need for economical housing, short term rentals, pier repairs, parking, and Service Club Park.

[18-3175](#)

Sarasota County Appraiser Bill Furst: Homestead Exemption Increase Amendment

Bill Furst, Sarasota County Appraiser, spoke to the homestead exemption amendment to include affected parcels and proposed budget.

Discussion followed regarding the city's and Sarasota County's budget, and tax burden on rental housing.

[18-3176](#)

Rod Nafziger, President, and Erin Silk, Executive Director, Venice MainStreet: Partnering with the City and Supporting Downtown during the Construction Project (10 min.)

Erin Silk, Executive Director of Venice MainStreet (VMS), spoke on VMS's goals in preparation for the 2018 downtown reconstruction project, communications with merchants, January's breakfast with the mayor, promotion calendar, website, and working with the Venice Gondolier.

Rod Nafziger, President of VMS, spoke regarding communication, alleyways, downtown beautification, and sidewalk maintenance by business partners.

Discussion followed on conveying updates to merchants and the community, bicycles on sidewalks, valet pickup points, and encouraging

business owners to have meetings to update their employees.

[18-3177](#)

Mike Brown and Kathleen Rogers-Wilson, Venice Fire Department Stakeholder's Work Group: Update (15 min.)

Mike Brown and Kathleen Rogers-Wilson, Venice Fire Department Stakeholder's Work Group, provided a presentation on discussion topics, resolution, millage and fire assessment fee pros and cons, fire assessment reallocation, contract amendment, and action items.

Discussion followed regarding non-profits, Sarasota County's Emergency Management Services (EMS) and consolidation, the county's fire fee, public safety impact fees, equipment depreciation, the fire department's pension plan, hybrid approach, untested methods not validated by the courts, calls for service method, bond validation, mutual aid services, assessment based on a building's square footage, call frequencies, senior retirement areas, the city's demographic and age population, communication to residents, funding the fire department and maximizing citizen acceptance, cost recovery and initiating a cap, public education on the fire department's operational costs, drafting a resolution, amending consultant contract, and scheduling a workshop with the stakeholder's work group.

Recess was taken from 2:35 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Anthony Pinzone, 978 Questa Avenue, commented on the proposed fire assessment.

Mr. Daniels returned to the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Mr. Pinzone spoke regarding assessment based on a building's square footage, land assessed values, addressing low income housing and double-wide manufactured homes, and statute regarding special assessments for mobile homes.

There was council consensus to schedule a workshop with the Venice fire department stakeholder's work group.

Ms. Senne spoke to the intent resolution, tax collector method, resolution timeframe, resident feedback, bond validation, and short term debt.

Discussion followed regarding legal procedure and timeframe, resolution, general fund, ad valorem taxes, municipal service taxing unit (MSTU), and community development district (CDD).

Mr. Persson clarified on MSTUs and CDD special taxing districts.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued[18-3169](#)

Discuss Mobility and Park Impact Fee Process and Procedures (Cautero)

Mr. Cautero commented on the process of collecting public safety impact fees, and spoke regarding the interlocal agreement with Sarasota County, methodology of collecting mobility and park impact fees, dispute resolution process, and whether the city can control collection of fees.

Discussion followed regarding public safety impact fees, revisiting item again at a future council meeting, viewing other interlocal agreements with the county to include EMS, and mobility impact fees.

[18-3170](#)

Information as Parks Responsibility is Developed (Holic)

Mayor Holic spoke to the county's responsibility to maintain recreational fields, park expenditures, Wellfield Park, Venice Little League, Chuck Reiter field, Venetian Waterway Park (VWP), termination of the parks interlocal agreement, regional complexes within the city, and resolutions.

Discussion took place regarding the history of the interlocal agreement with the county, age of agreements, the county's commitment, Legacy Trail, the Venice Community Center (VCC), and level of service for recreational facilities.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the termination of the parks interlocal agreement

Mayor Holic left the dais at 4:01 p.m.

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding the county taking over responsibility of Wellfield Park and the city taking over local parks.

Mayor Holic returned to the dais at 4:04 p.m.

Mr. Lavallee continued to speak regarding the city maintaining and taking ownership of local parks, VWP, Chuck Reiter Park, the VCC, and park expenses.

Discussion followed regarding extending the transition period.

[18-3171](#)

Update on Triangle Inn (Fraize)

Mr. Veneziano spoke to pending projects at the Triangle Inn and donation and maintenance budget.

Discussion followed on the building's landscaping.

[18-3172](#)

Status of Lord Higel Parking Lot Resurface Work (Daniels)

Discussion took place regarding the Lord Higel parking area being used for storage.

[18-3173](#)

Status of New Archives Restoration (Daniels)

Discussion took place on project completion timeframe, outsourcing storage for archives, and rental fee offsetting the building's operational costs.

[18-3174](#)

Pocket Park Update (Daniels)

Discussion took place regarding project completion timeframe, park sign installations, and encroachments.

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson commented on the statute allowing bicycles on sidewalks.

Discussion followed regarding settlement agreement with Lake Venice Golf Club.

Mr. Lavallee noted three letters were sent to VGA with no response.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee had no report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fiedler

Ms. Fiedler requested council consensus to direct staff to pursue a revenue source for funding a school resource officer (SRO).

There was council consensus to direct staff to pursue a revenue source for funding an SRO.

Council Member Newsom

Mr. Newsom inquired on Bay Indies moving voting polls back to the club house, noted attending public safety day at the VCC, and reported on the planning commission meeting, training session on form based land development regulations (LDR)s, and consolidated building home areas.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates commented on play activity and number of players at Chuck Reiter field.

Council Member Cautionero

Mr. Cautionero suggested obtaining public input for the LDRs before council's input.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize commented on the Edmondson multi-use trail project and emergency utility work by the same contractor.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels commented on missing street light fixtures at Marina Park, train depot repairs, street lights by the Circus bridge, and budget to replace poles.

Mr. Lavalley noted nine poles were lost during Hurricane Irma.

Discussion followed on Bahama Street lighting and adding item to the next meeting agenda to vote on sending a letter to the school board.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic requested council consensus to assign the Seaboard area Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) project to the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB).

There was consensus for Mayor Holic to assign the Seaboard area CRA project to EDAB.

Mayor Holic noted attending the public safety day event, commented on the state statute regarding the library not being able to be used as a hurricane shelter, suggested city staff attend the police and fire pension meetings, and reported on Council of Governments (COG).

There was council consensus for Mayor Holic to assign the Seaboard area CRA (Community Redevelopment Area) project to EDAB.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk