



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

11:00 AM

Council Chambers

Continuation of Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.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 Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Controller Linda Senne, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, and Assistant City Manager Len Bramble.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, suggested having a procedure on audience participation to include speakers identifying themselves as either a resident, non resident, or property owner.

II. NEW BUSINESS

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2016-10](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Venice, Florida, Chapter 86, Land Development Code, Article V, Use Regulations, Division 4, Business Zoning Districts, Section 86-92, CG Commercial, General District and Section 86-93, CI Commercial, Intensive District; Providing for the Revision of the General Intent Statement for the CI District by Removing Language Referencing Highly Automotive-Oriented Uses and Uses of a Neighborhood or General Commercial Type and to Expand, Clarify and Reorganize Uses in the CG and CI Zoning Districts; Establishing Development and Density Standards for Multi-Family Development in the CI Zoning District; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith to the Extent

of Such Conflict; Providing for Severability and Providing an Effective Date

Mr. Shrum spoke on proposed changes to the commercial intensive (CI) and commercial general (CG) land development codes, and including development standards on ordinances.

Luis Cerna, Calvin Giordano and Associates, spoke on addressing issues acknowledged by staff, renewing rezoning issues, allowing multi-family residences in the CI district, proposed changes to permit CG uses in CI districts, restaurants in CG districts, and support from the planning commission.

Mr. Shrum responded to council questions regarding height restrictions in the CI district.

Discussion followed regarding taking out residential from the CI district, waiting until completion of the comprehensive plan, and obtaining residents input on the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Fraize left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Mr. Shrum responded to council questions regarding the planning commission's lack of action on density, and renting property for other uses.

Discussion ensued on removing mixed use housing in the CI district and obtaining council approval on this issue.

Ms. Gates left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Mr. Shrum responded to council questions regarding merging the two districts.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

No written communication was received.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, spoke on eliminating multi-use family residences from the CI district.

Discussion continued regarding allowance of brew pubs, residential use in the CG district, incorporating procedure requiring council's approval for mixed use in a CI district, and having two commercial districts.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2016-10 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson to amend the ordinance to include a requirement for developers to obtain approval by city council on residential developments in commercial intensive districts. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

The original motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Cautero

No: 1 - Ms. Anderson

Absent: 2 - Ms. Gates and Mr. Fraize

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORD. NO. 2016-12

An Ordinance Amending the City of Venice, Florida Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Elections, Section 22-6, Certification of Election Results to Provide more Flexibility in Scheduling the Date to Certify the Election Results and Swear in the Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict 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 Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2016-12 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson and Mr. Cautero

Absent: 2 - Ms. Gates and Mr. Fraize

A. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

16-2134

Approve Letter of Support to the Office of Criminal Justice Grants for the Distribution of \$117,533 of Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Countywide Funds for Mental Health Court

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Item No.16-2134 be approved. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

16-2121

MCRHS/MCR Health Services Letter of Support (Holic)

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Item No. 16-2121 be approved.

Discussion followed regarding lack of knowledge about the organization.

The motion failed by voice vote 1-4 with all but Ms. Anderson opposed.

[16-2120](#)

Post Office Relocation (Holic)

Discussion ensued on allowing the city to take the lead in finding another site for the post office, relocating the facility off the island, hiring a consultant, and purchasing a new property.

Mayor Holic reviewed responses from the post office.

Ms. Gates returned to the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding obtaining more information on financing and the community's desire for a hotel in that particular area, downtown traffic, changing characteristic of the downtown area, reopening discussions and negotiations with the post office, property ownership, Mike Miller's project, and adding item to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

Recess was taken from 3:41 p.m. until 3:46 p.m.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, spoke regarding the relocation of the post office, restoring historic hotel, and obtaining community input.

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

[16-2113](#)

Set the Preliminary Operating Millage Rate at 3.6000 Mills and the Debt Service Millage Rate at .1660 Mills for the Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/17

Discussion followed on operating millage rate, tax increases, and revenues.

Ms. Senne provided a handout and reviewed current reserves in the general fund.

Discussion ensued on pension funding, reserves, health insurance claims, depreciation of vehicles, and moving depreciation to FY 2018.

Mr. Fraize returned to the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Item No. 16-2113.

Discussion followed regarding the general fund, comfortability of adding to the reserve, one cent sales tax, building fund balance, budget cuts, budget expenditures, health care issues, depreciation of vehicles,

raising of millage rate and taxes, pension funds, lowering proposed millage rate, budget proposal, vehicle depreciation, fire department, fire fee, tourists, and underfunding.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson opposed.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on adopting a budget for completing connection with the Sarasota County data center for storage, and making fire station 3 a complete data center for the city.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of funds from the one cent sales tax and general fund for improvements to the data center.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Mayor Holic, to fund \$23,000 and \$35,000 from the one cent sales tax fund, and fund \$3,600 from the general fund for improvements to the data center. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

[16-2125](#)

Venice Library Update

Mr. Bramble provided an update on the Hamilton building to include the county's and city's efforts and opening date. Mr. Bramble also discussed planning for the new library to include approved funding for phase one design, approved architectural contract, first meeting date, and siting on the cultural campus.

V. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic commented on the flag being lit at the end of Veterans Park.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a solar powered light that will be installed in the fall.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize had no report.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon had no report.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels provided a Sarasota County Sport Commission grant application summary, and spoke regarding automated traffic signals, water damages at Bridle Oaks, allowing usage of wells, illegal yard sales, and resident complaint on their home being flooded and not resolved.

Mr. Daniels left the meeting at 4:46 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding the resident's complaint and noted the city is responsible for fixing the damages to the resident's home.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates had no report.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson had no report.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero had no report.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk