



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

8:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### Special Meeting - Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize

#### ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Utilities Director Tim Hochuli, Finance Director Walter Pierce, Controller Linda Senne, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Interim Airport Director Heather LeDuc, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Information Technology Director Jeff Bolen, Director of Administrative Services Alan Bullock, Director of Historical Resources James Hagler, and Assistant City Manager Len Bramble.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Cautero.

#### I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Roger Besser, 156 Cohosh Road, spoke on his support of the police department, prior experience as a law enforcement officer, and training and retaining officers.

#### II. DISCUSSION TOPICS

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City Council Determination on Issues Raised During Budget Workshops

Mr. Lavallee spoke on issues raised at the budget workshop to include update on estimated revenues, removing space element from the public

safety facility project, completion of fiber connectivity for the data center, storage consolidation with fire station 3 and Sarasota County data center, determining primary connector site, city wide fiber optic connection, costs of fiber connection, expansion of the data center, hiring an additional public safety officer for recreational parks, salary expense for a public safety officer, and salary study.

Discussion ensued on budget expenses for fiber connectivity, support of hiring a public safety officer for recreational parks, and police officer wages, retaining the officers, and exit interviews.

Chief Carvey responded to council questions regarding increases in wages, salaries, and overtime policy for the fire department.

Discussion followed on partnering with Sarasota County, overtime expenses, and staff overtime for special events.

**There was council consensus to approve the fire department's proposed budget on overtime, office supplies, books, publications, subscriptions and memberships, and a part time (PT) administrative staff position.**

Discussion followed on scheduling out of state training during the summer.

**There was council consensus to approve the stormwater department's proposed budget on rental and leasing of equipment, rental and leasing of parks equipment, operating supplies, office supplies, books, publications, and memberships.**

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding guardrail and pedestrian rails. Ms. Weeden noted future adjustments to the Osprey ditch outfall will have to be made due to flooding of the area.

Discussion continued on placing guardrails around the ditch and obtaining resident feedback regarding rail preferences.

**A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, not to exceed \$53,500 for placement of a guardrail around the Osprey ditch. The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson opposed.**

**There was council consensus to approve the engineering department's proposed budget on travel and training, and office supplies.**

The department's proposed budget for the bicycle program coordinator position, north pier parking area construction, south Harbor Drive intersection improvements at Airport Avenue and Beach Road, parking under Hatchett Creek, KMI, and Venice Avenue bridges, and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements were pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

**There was council consensus to approve the public works department proposed budget on travel and training, office supplies, and reducing consultants.**

Proposed budgets for replacing the fountain at Fountain Park, fencing

repair and replacement at Hecksher and Chuck Reiter parks, playground equipment at the Hamilton building, temporary library, and Mundy Park, and maintenance of Service Club Park Boardwalk were pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

**There was council consensus to correct the solid waste department's staffing number and include \$75,982 in the solid waste fund.**

**There was council consensus to approve the fleet services budget for fuel.**

**There was council consensus to approve the police department's proposed budget on adding \$163,578 for personnel retainment, and building roof repair.**

**There was council consensus to approve the Information Technology (IT) department's proposed budget to add \$10,000 for fiber connection.**

The IT department's proposed budget for a security audit was pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

Historical resources' proposed FY 2017 budget on window replacements and department increases was pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

The airport's proposed FY 2017 budget on road paving at Mobile Home Park and landscaping improvements were pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

The administrative services department's proposed FY 2017 budget on wage and rate analysis was pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

The building development services director pay review and allocation to the FY 2017 budget was pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

All items listed under the city manager's proposed FY 2017 budget were pulled for discussion on July 13, 2016.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was recessed at 8:54 a.m. until Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor - City of Venice

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City Clerk