



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize

Absent: 1 - Council Member Bob Daniels

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: Utilities Director Tim Hochuli, Finance Director Linda Senne, Public Works Director John Veneziano, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Director of Administrative Services Alan Bullock, Fleet Manager Peter Lilholt, and Assistant City Manager Len Bramble.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

I. RECOGNITION

[16-2233](#)

Proclaim September 2016 as Life Insurance Awareness Month, Presented to David Russell, Volunteer Member, and the representatives of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Gulf Coast Florida.

Mayor Holic presented the proclamation to the representatives of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Gulf Coast Florida.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Scott Woodman, 229 Turin Street, Venice, expressed concerns on the Florida Power and Light (FPL) solar project in his neighborhood to include lack of notification received about the project.

Sandi Shaffer, 405 Peppertree Road, Venice, spoke regarding public

awareness on current city projects.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to approve items on the consent agenda with the exception of Items No. 16-2232, 16-2223, and 60-2016. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

16-2220

Affirm the Reappointment of Andrew G. DeVries as the 5th Trustee to the Police Pension Board of Trustees to Serve a Term from October 1, 2016 Through September 30, 2020

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Engineering

16-2222

Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Department of the Army Consent of Easement to Use Corps of Engineers Right-of Way to allow the Concession Building and Restrooms (Anita's Sandcastle) to Remain in the Current Location in the South Jetty Parking Lot (Humphris Park)

This Authorization was approved on the Consent Agenda.

CON. NO. 58-2016

Approval of Continuing Contracts for RFQ 3033-16 Coastal Engineering/Professional Engineering Services

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

CON. NO. 59-2016

Approval of Contract with David Kuxhausen Construction, LLC. Inc. for Wellfield Park, Ponce de Leon Enclave, and Police Station Drainage Ditch Improvements in the Amount of \$125,092 and Grant Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Contract

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

16-2224

Accept Grant of Easement from Mark Richmond and Stephany Richmond, as Co-Trustees of the Mark Richmond Revocable Trust to the City of Venice

This Grant of Easement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 2016-11

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Relating to Properties Located at 2300 Laurel Road, as Reflected in Rezoning Petition No. 07-07RZ.1, S & J Properties of

Southwest Florida, LLC, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from Residential, Multiple-Family 3 (RMF-3) Zoning District with Stipulations to Residential, Multiple-Family 3 (RMF-3) Zoning District with no Stipulations; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

Council had no objection to address this item out of order.

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson commented on the request for continuance.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2016-11 and the public hearing be continued to October 11, 2016.

Robert Burrus, 300 Sorrento Ranches Drive, Nokomis, spoke on agreeing with the request for continuance.

Jeff Boone, representative of property owner, spoke about his client's attempt to have a full council and moving forward with the public hearing in October.

Mr. Boone responded to council questions to include client's delay, having full council available, prior voting by city council, representing clients with approvable projects, and credibility.

Mr. Persson responded to council questions regarding setting a precedence of having a full council, and explained his thought process on council moving forward with the public hearing without a full council.

Mr. Boone commented on the length of time the planning commission meeting took discussing this rezone, client having additional information to present to city council that was not presented to the planning commission, public hearing time, and due process.

It was noted Dan Lobeck was not present and Mr. Persson suggested not to proceed with the hearing.

Mr. Boone responded to council questions regarding previous project extension requests made to council.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

CONSENT SECTION - Continued

B. CITY CLERK16-2232

Minutes of the August 23, 2016 Regular Meeting and August 26, 2016 Continuation of Regular Meeting

Discussion followed on the August 23, 2016 meeting minutes regarding statements made by Erin Silk about the Venice MainStreet Beach Party.

The meeting minutes will be placed on a future agenda for council's approval.

Mayor Holic recommended the city clerk add a heading for "Items Removed from the Consent Agenda" after the consent section.

CITY MANAGER16-2223

Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the 1) Second Amendment to Solar Lease and Easement Agreement and 2) Amendment to Memorandum of Solar Lease and Easement Amendment Documents with Florida Power & Light Company for Solar Array Being Installed at the Venice Community Center

Discussion followed on Mr. Woodman's concern with the FPL solar project, relocation of structure, and giving consideration to the Woodmans.

Mr. Lavalley responded to council questions regarding possible plans and work done to assist the Woodmans.

Ms. Weeden spoke on the intent of the landscape buffer and additional landscaping.

Rae Dowling, Area Manager for FPL, spoke on the community solar project to include program contributors, bringing project to Sarasota County, site identification, south parking lot area of the community center, Architectural Review Board's (ARB) review of site, easement correction, resident feedback, work with city staff and arborist, existing hedges, additional landscaping, and buffering of area.

Ms. Weeden noted removal of the electrical pole and modification to the agreement for enhancement.

Ms. Weeden, Ms. Dowling, and David Bates, Project Development Manager for FPL, responded to council questions regarding replacement of hedges, buffers, sidewalk, planting added to parking lot area, future plans for the north side of the parking lot, location of current easement, contractor's error, cost assessment to fix damages, contractor requirements, relocating visual buffer, increasing vegetation, customer feedback on solar power in the community, and postponing vote until an acceptable solution has been developed by the city and FPL in

coordination with the Woodmans.

Ms. Weeden spoke in regards to her contact with Mr. Woodman, parking lot construction and completion date, and impacts to the community center.

Discussion ensued on the north parking lot, project location, resident visibility, ARB's review of project, building on wrong location of parking lot, clarification on whether there was a city violation, council determining location for the new library, and obtaining legal clearance from the city on the project.

Ms. Weeden spoke on the lease agreement negotiations, review of building permit, solar panel location, FPL authorization for tear down agreement, cancellation clause, construction on right-of-way, and library parcel.

Discussion ensued on termination of the library lease agreement, letter of agreement with the county, residents' input, obtaining clarification from the city, approval process for a modified location, building permit approval, violation of contract and lease, contractor's error on site plan, and the city's review of submitted site plans.

Ms. Dowling noted any location other than the south parking lot or the existing community center will need to be re-evaluated.

Discussion ensued regarding delaying project, demolishing existing construction so the community center will not be impacted and allow scheduled events to continue, postponing action until the next council meeting, and having an acceptable agreement between the city, FPL, and Mr. Woodman.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Gates, to postpone Item No. 16-2223 until proper communication and an agreement is derived between all parties involved.

Discussion continued on project postponement, addressing construction issue, and amending motion to demolish the structure.

An amended motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to postpone Item No. 16-2223 to cease construction until there is a resolution.

Mr. Persson noted the building official should determine whether to cease construction.

Mr. McKeon withdrew his amended motion.

Discussion ensued on permit and lease agreement for approved construction.

The original motion carried by voice vote 4-2 with Mayor Holic and Ms. Anderson

opposed.

Utilities

CON. NO. 60-2016

Request Approval to Purchase Four Replacement Vehicles in the Amount of \$189,593

Ms. Anderson left the dais at 10:40 a.m.

Discussion followed regarding vehicle replacements, vehicle mileage, and vehicles using gas versus diesel gas.

Ms. Anderson returned to the dais at 10:42 a.m.

Mr. Lilholt responded to council questions regarding vehicle types, age of vehicles, overall appearance of vehicles, maintenance costs, vehicle equipment value, vehicle and equipment auction, auctioning vehicles to the community, auction vendors, and vehicle disposal.

Mr. Hochuli responded to council questions regarding fiscal year (FY) 2017 budget to include operations, spending, and balance.

Mr. Lilholt spoke on communication with state contractors, statewide competition with vendors, opportunity to get fleet vehicles, and responded to council questions regarding 2016 contract for vehicle upcharge.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to approve Item No. 60-2016. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Recess was taken from 10:51 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - Continued

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORD. NO. 2016-13

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2015-19 Which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2015 and Ending September 30, 2016; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$1,470,834 and Total Expenditures by \$1,470,834; 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 closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2016-13 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Mr. Daniels

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

[ORD. NO.
2016-18](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54, Solid Waste; Article V, Rates and Charges; Billing Procedure, Amending Section 54-161, Fee Schedule; Deposits; 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.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Ordinance No. 2016-18 on first reading and schedule it for final reading.

Mr. Veneziano spoke on recommendations from the stakeholder group regarding a five percent rate increase for FY 2017.

Discussion followed on on memorandums being provided and including task force's recommendation on rate increases.

Mr. Veneziano spoke on rates, dumpster sizes, solid waste collection rates, roll-off containers and cans, and responded to council questions regarding weight limit on residential customers, automated collection for commercial customers, charging for extra cans, not to exceed weight limit on residential, and ordinance changes.

An amendment to the motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fraize, that Ordinance No. 2016-18, Section 54-161(a)(2) include "not to exceed 40 pounds per container". The motion carried by voice vote 5-1 with Mr. McKeon opposed.

Discussion continued regarding solid waste fund balance, stakeholder group recommendation to increase rates, stakeholder group researching rates, ordinance, and fund balance and reporting back to council, approval of automated waste collection, and double digit rate increase.

Mr. Veneziano spoke on changes to the fee structure and fund balance level.

Discussion ensued on special interest groups, input from commercial customers on weight limit, cost of extra containers, city compensation, manual garbage pickup costs, limited containers for residents, task force decision for each dwelling unit to pay the same rate, recycling pickup, exclusivity on commercial sites, city obtaining money from recycling various items, comparison of how much residents are being charged versus what the city is collecting, customers that own dumpsters, difference in rates between short term and long term customers, charging and collection for roll-off services, five percent rate increase approved by stakeholder's group, providing specifics for next generation, overloading dumpster issue, and level of reserves.

Mr. Lavallee commented on stakeholder's decision, ordinance structure, rate structure, interim solution, and enterprise fund.

Discussion continued regarding health and future projection of the solid waste fund balance and reason for rate increases.

Ms. Senne commented on the solid waste fund to include estimate cash basis for FY 2017, operating expenses, liability, and accrual.

Discussion continued on providing the stakeholder's group with the numbers for review and Ms. Senne attending the next stakeholder's meeting to explain the difference between cash and accrual.

Discussion continued on roll-off services and competition with other services in the area.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, to call the question. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-18 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

No: 1 - Ms. Anderson

Absent: 1 - Mr. Daniels

Recess was taken from 11:51 a.m. until 1:00p.m.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Scott Woodman, 229 Turin Street, Venice, commented on FPL's solar panel presentation, including public input and soliciting comments, response to city staff email, lack of project information provided, and

incorporating his comments on project.

[16-2225](#)

Tim McCreary, President, Ascension Benefits and Insurance Solutions, David Lodwick, Director, FMIT Trust Services, Clay Austin, Assistant Director, FMIT Trust Services, and Andy Hanson, Account Executive, FMIT Trust Solutions : Property and Liability Insurance for Fiscal Year 2017 and Request Council Approval of the Proposed Coverage (10 min.)

Mr. Bullock provided a brief summary on the proposed insurance coverage for FY 2017.

Mr. Lodwick thanked the city for their partnership, presented the city with a \$46,058.00 check, and noted coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mr. Bullock and Mr. Lodwick responded to council questions regarding check allocation into the general fund, approval of funds for FY 2016 and 2017, fire department liability, law enforcement liability and increased impact across country, claims, law enforcement advisory panel, and law enforcement conference.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraize, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 16-2225. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[16-2226](#)

Doug Lozen, Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants: Request Cost of Living Increase for Police Pension Retirees (10 min.)

Mr. Lozen provided a presentation on police retirees cost of living adjustment (COLA) to include Ad Hoc COLA, proposed increase, statistics for proposed COLA recipients as of October 1, 2015, and impact on funding.

Discussion followed regarding discussion with the city's administrative services and finance staff, financial ramifications to budget, city's contribution to pensions, how numbers impact the city's budget, average officer retirement age, proposed increase millage rate, social security, effect on citizens, police converting to the Florida Retirement System (FRS), timing of COLA increase request, previous law enforcement increases, addressing police pension issues for long term, including a sliding scale, number of retired officers, and finance coming up with budget for the city manager.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Gates, to postpone consideration of the COLA increase and give city staff opportunity to review it which may include comparisons of surrounding communities representing COLA increases.

Discussion continued on looking at other organizations that have set COLA schedules, obtaining comparisons between other municipalities

and counties, and officer pay and retainage.

Ms. Senne clarified the actuary budget and impact to the FY 2017 budget.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16-2227

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Pinebrook/Edmondson Intersection Request from Sarasota County and Request for Council Action to Approve the Construction of the Pinebrook/Edmondson Intersection Project by Sarasota County Using City of Venice District Road Impact Fees in the Amount of \$500,000 and Approval to Extend the Project Completion Date to the end of Fiscal Year 2019, Provide Staff Assistance in Negotiating Possible Right-of-Way Donation and Support for Additional City of Venice District Road Impact Fees being Allocated for Project Completion if Needed (10 min.)

Ms. Weeden spoke on the requested proposal by Sarasota County, discussions at the capital improvement plan (CIP) workshop, evaluating impact and project need, use of road impact fees, addition of right turn lanes at the intersection, city's additional analysis conducted at the intersection, county roads, and county agreement requirements.

Discussion followed on traffic flow at the intersection, sign placement for pedestrian safety, right turn lanes on Pinebrook Road, future project, public response on widening lanes, request to extend completion date, traffic counts, obtaining length of traffic delay, project cost and funding, collection and use of impact fees, obtaining a fixed dollar amount, funds spent within the district, blockage of intersections, turning movement data, and obtaining clarity on impact fees.

Mr. Lavalley commented on the process for scope of the project.

Ms. Weeden spoke on the county's contribution to fund the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) project, accrual of funding, and identifying and recommending projects for review.

Discussion ensued on making traffic intersection assessments, formal evaluation of the intersection, directing funding to higher traffic volume areas, increased capacity for road impact fees, complaints about traffic, action by the Traffic Advisory Task Force, funding, setting up process for infrastructure, tightening up interlocal agreements with the county, implementing process to prioritize impact fees, identifying intersections and conducting traffic counts, reviewing traffic activities at different times and locations, providing data and recommendations to the county for funding, safety priority at intersections, and reconsideration by the board of county commission (BOCC) to defer project.

There was council consensus for the city engineer to report to the county

engineers the need for additional evaluations of other intersections within the city before recommendations can be made to city council.

D. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[16-2229](#)

Approve the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019

Mr. Bullock provided a brief overview on the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (ASCME) contract agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Anderson to approve Item No. 16-2229. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS - Continued

[16-2228](#)

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Osprey Ditch Update and Request for Direction Regarding Osprey Ditch Safety Improvements (10 min.)

Ms. Weeden provided a summary on Osprey Ditch, and spoke regarding prior council action on installing guardrail, resident feedback and concerns, petition from residents requesting not to install guardrail, proposed options, and request for council direction.

Discussion followed on proposed options, higher priority projects, safety concerns and potential hazard, designer of ditch, liability concerns, placement of guardrail, negative impact on resident's property, guardrail visibility, stormwater enterprise funding, grants, guardrail costs, and determining safety issue.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Item No. 16-2228 with the installation of a guardrail around Osprey Ditch.

An amended motion was made by Mayor Holic, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 16-2228 with no modification to the existing condition of Osprey Ditch.

Discussion continued on safety concerns and obtaining professional opinion on potential hazard.

Ms. Weeden commented on the designer of ditch, minimal risk, and neighbors opposing a guardrail.

Discussion continued on obtaining an opinion from a professional as to the potential hazard of the ditch so council can make an informed decision.

An amendment to the amended motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 16-2228 with no modifications to the existing condition until staff updates council on the safety of the ditch.

Mayor Holic withdrew his amended motion.

An amendment to the amended motion was made by Mayor Holic, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 16-2228 with no modifications to the existing condition with the condition that the city update safety aspects of the ditch and report to council with recommendations.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding the outflow capacity of the system.

The amendment to the amended motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion continued on a design option for the ditch.

The amended motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. RESOLUTIONS

RES. NO.
2016-24

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Amending the City of Venice Personnel Procedures and Rules, 2013 Edition, Section 1.3 Employment Process, 1.12 Classification and Compensation, 1.35 Communication Devices, 2.1 Access to Group Health Insurance, and 3.0 Introduction; 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 McKeon that Resolution No. 2016-24 be approved and adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautionero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Mr. Daniels

RES. NO.
2016-26

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Requesting the Florida Department of Transportation Prepare and Enter into a Lease Agreement with the City of Venice to Provide Parking Beneath the KMI Bridge; Directing the City Manager to Enter into Negotiations with the Florida Department of Transportation Regarding said Lease; 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 Fraize that Resolution No. 2016-26 be approved and adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautionero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Mr. Daniels

RES. NO.
2016-25

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing the City to Pursue Grant Funding from the State of Florida, Department of

Environmental Protection, Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for Boardwalk Construction at Service Club Park; 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 McKeon that Resolution No. 2016-25 be approved and adopted.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding request for funding.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Mr. Daniels

Recess was taken from 2:49 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

16-2230

Discuss the Design of Florida Department of Transportation's Proposed Stormwater Pond under the Venetian Waterway Trail near Seaboard Avenue (Holic)

Mayor Holic asked council's approval for the city to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requesting enhanced landscaping on the proposed project area.

Ms. Weeden spoke on the project to include pond location, use of standard sod, vegetation maintenance, upgrades, and construction status.

There was council consensus to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation.

16-2234

Appoint Linda Senne as Finance Director

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon to appoint Linda Senne as Finance Director. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16-2231

Town Hall Meeting (Anderson)

Ms. Anderson spoke on conducting a town hall meeting before elections to allow residents to ask questions and provide feedback.

Discussion continued on next week's public meeting, difficulty scheduling a town hall meeting, logistics and protocol, concern with meeting turning into debate with council, time consumed by staff, sunshine meeting, opportunity for residents to ask questions, structure on staff time, having one focal point of response, providing opinions

based on council consensus, procedural direction by elected officials, meeting concepts, providing residents opportunity to provide input and ask questions, and opportunity for residents to access all council members.

Ms. Anderson left the meeting at 3:32 p.m. and did not return.

Discussion ensued on suggestions for conducting, setting up, and formatting town hall meetings.

16-2120

Post Office Relocation (Holic)

Mayor Holic asked for council direction on ideas for the post office distribution site, and discussed replica of the Parkview Hotel, building replication, historic reason, funding, council taking action on whether to move forward, and resident input.

Discussion followed on placing property back on the tax rolls, replication of building, post office distribution center affecting downtown district, pedestrian safety issues with trucks going in and out of the downtown area, relocating distribution center, continuing discussions with the post office and Congressman Rooney, project finance and funding, obtaining city input on financing a replacement facility, federal priority, project coordination by the city manager, request for proposals (RFP), city's obligation to replace building with a replica that has the same value, improvement of downtown district, property and sales tax revenue, improving aesthetics, council having a better understanding of project and discussing at next council meeting.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on discussions with the post office to include strategic planning and development, understanding the city's initiative, and developing plan to meet standards.

Discussion ensued on moving forward with project, direction given by the post office, re-opening communication with the post office, relocating distribution and retail portion of the post office, reviewing April correspondence from the post office and formulating responses to questions, determining structure and viewing other available options, conducting resident surveys, and hotel discussions by the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB).

Mayor Holic left meeting at 4:11 p.m. and did not return.

Discussion continued on tearing down structure and Architectural Review Board (ARB) guidelines.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on the post office criteria, hotel suggestion, obtaining property, obtaining public input, economic strategic issues, and having a

collective decision made by council.

Discussion followed on council's interpretation of the letter and suggesting a ten minute presentation at a future council meeting.

Mr. Lavallee noted he will speak with the mayor in order to interpret acceptable directions and permissible outcomes for the site.

Discussion followed on responding to questions provided in the letter, funding project, policy support to move forward with project, support plan, and moving post office retail section to the Hamilton building.

There was consensus for staff to report back to city council.

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson reported on progress with the Neal Communities on the extraordinary mitigation fees and noted other options are being evaluated.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer reminded council of ethics training next Friday.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee spoke on staff annual retreat on October 21, 2016 at Village on the Isle to include presentations, focus of retreat, sessions, and timeframe.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

There was no report.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize spoke on ARB meeting attendance and board member responses to the sunshine rules and regulations presentation.

Council Member Daniels

There was no report.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates discussed attendance at the Venice High School, Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting to include meeting the new principal, number of students at capacity level, remind.com texting application,

and Jumbotron.

Council Member Anderson

There was no report.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero reported on upcoming board meetings and attendance at two 9/11 memorial services.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon spoke on the planning commission's workshop on the comprehensive plan, Manasota League of Cities legislative priorities, being assigned pension issues, Venice Regional building new hospital, and potential tax implication.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk