



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, February 14, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson and Council Member Richard Cautero

**Absent:** 1 - 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: Finance Director Linda Senne, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Public Works Director John Veneziano, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, and Procurement Manager Peter Boers.

### I. RECOGNITION

[17-2482](#) 10 Year Service Award, Brett Woodworth, Police Officer

**Mayor Holic presented this award to Brett Woodworth.**

[17-2483](#) 15-year Service Award, Frank Giddens, Fire Administrative Battalion Chief

**Mayor Holic presented this award to Frank Giddens.**

[17-2484](#) Proclaim February 19-25, 2017 "Engineers Week", Presented to Norman F. Robertson, Project Manager, ATKINS Company, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Utilities Director Tim Hochuli, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Assistant City Engineer James Clinch, Utilities Project Manager Tony Wierzbicki, Assistant Utilities Director Tom West, Stormwater Engineer John

Monville, and Stormwater Engineering Analyst Gillian Carney

**Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Norman Robertson, Len Bramble, Kathleen Weeden, Tim Hochuli, John Veneziano, James Clinch, Tony Wierzicki, Tom West, and John Monville.**

[17-2485](#)

Mayor's Pillar of the Community Award, Presented to Jeffery A. Boone and Stephen K. Boone

**Mayor Holic presented this award to Jeffery and Stephen Boone.**

## **II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Michael Sunderland, Homeowners Association President of Auburn Woods, 228 Auburn Woods Circle, spoke on the public safety building site and disagreement with building on Caithness property.

Linda Wilson, Manager of the Venice Farmer's Market, provided a status update and spoke on activities held at the Farmer's Market.

Gaetano Candido, 109 Auburn Woods Circle, spoke regarding the public safety building site.

Discussion followed regarding the fire station being included within the ten acre parcel.

## **III. CONSENT SECTION:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve items in the Consent Section with the exception of Item No. 17-2486 and 17-2489. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

### **A. CITY CLERK**

[17-2460](#)

Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Parks Master Plan Workshop and January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.**

[17-2487](#)

Approval of Consulting Proposal Submitted by Betsy Steiner for Advisory Board Training not to exceed \$4,500 and to Expend the Monies from the Mayor and Council's Travel and Training Budget

**This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

### **B. CITY MANAGER**

#### Fire

[17-2488](#)

Authorize Expenditure of \$28,105 for Burton and Associates to Expand Their Service by Adding a Fire Impact Fee Study as Provided in Current Contract

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

### Police

[17-2490](#) Accept Funds from West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Waterway Development Program, Project #S-330 for Police Department Marine Patrol in the Amount of \$90,000

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

### Utilities

[CON. NO.](#)  
[76-2017](#) Approval of Contract with General Underground, LLC in the Amount of \$825,315 for Reclaimed Water Distribution Improvements

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

## **IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

### ***CITY CLERK - Continued***

[17-2486](#) Minutes of the January 13, 2017 Beach Renourishment & Downtown Reconstruction Meeting, January 20, 2017 Convocation of Governments Meeting, and January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve Item No. 17-2486.

Discussion followed regarding training certification program for inspectors.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

### ***CITY MANAGER - Continued***

[17-2489](#) Disposal of Two Outboard Motors

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon to approve Item No. 17-2489.

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) grant funding, and noted grant award can be used as a supplement for the marine program.

Discussion followed regarding operating budget, general fund, grant, and motor sales.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

## **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

[17-2491](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Third Amendment to Amended and

Restated Lease Agreement Between the City of Venice and the Venice Pier Group, Inc.

Ms. Stelzer read the notice of public hearing.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

**A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Item No. 17-2491 be approved.**

Discussion followed regarding exchange and use of property. Ms. Weeden spoke on current lease agreement, property access, joint benefit transfer of property, and walkover.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

#### [ORD. NO. 2017-03](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation; Article III, Conduct in Parks, Section 46-61, Penalty; Removing Section 46-68, Smoking Prohibited on Beaches; Providing for a Severability Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer noted one email was received and provided to council, 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. 2017-03 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

### **B. RESOLUTIONS - PUBLIC HEARING**

**RES. NO.**  
**2016-33**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, Electing to use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for More Than One Year Levied in Venice, Florida; Stating a Need for Such Levy; Providing for the Mailing of this Resolution; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Ms. Senne noted purpose for the resolution and spoke on having a uniform method of collection for the fire assessment fee. Discussion followed regarding non-ad valorem assessment fees, tax bill, agreement with the tax collector and property appraiser offices, timeline, interactive workshop, administrative process, obtaining consultant's report, and millage rate.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2016-33 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

Recess was taken from 10:19 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS****A. ORDINANCES****ORD. NO.**  
**2017-04**

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 54, Solid Waste, Article III, Preparation, Collection and Disposal, Division 1, Generally, Section 54-51, Storage Areas to be Screened; Division 2, Containers, Section 54-73, Location, Design and Maintenance of Dumpsters; Designating Property Owner Responsibilities for Construction and Maintenance of Screenings and Enclosures and Providing and Maintaining Location Access; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2017-04 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.**

Discussion followed on ordinance details, plastic fencing, pads, and placing all trash inside dumpsters.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that the ordinance be amended to define screening as plastic fencing,**

plastic coated chain link fence or material per architectural standards, the pads should be constructed of concrete or asphalt and all trash must be placed in dumpsters for pick up.

Discussion followed regarding screening and concrete pad, architectural standards, enclosures, and plastic coating.

**The amendment carried by voice vote unanimously.**

**The motion as amended carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

**ORD. NO.**  
**2017-05**

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2016-15 Which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$224,118 and Total Expenditures by \$224,118; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2017-05 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.**

Discussion followed regarding splitting budget amendments when there are multiple departments and supporting additional staff positions.

Mr. Lavallee noted the number of full time employees before and after the recession.

Discussion continued on staffing needs, general fund budget, and budget amendment process between two departments.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Ms. Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

## **B. RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. NO.**  
**2017-01**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing the Issuance by the City of not Exceeding \$16,000,000 in Aggregate Principal Amount of City of Venice, Florida General Obligation Bonds (Public Safety Improvements), Series 2017, in Order to Finance Certain Public Safety Related Capital Improvements Within the City; Pledging the Proceeds of Ad Valorem Taxes Levied Without Limit on all Taxable Property Within the City to Secure the Payment of the Principal of, Redemption Premium, if any, and Interest on such

Bonds; Providing for the Rights of the Holders of Such Bonds; Making Certain other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with such Bonds; Authorizing a Negotiated Sale of Said Bonds to the Underwriters Described Herein; Delegating Certain Authority to the Mayor for the Authorization, Execution and Delivery of, and Approving the Form of, a Bond Purchase Agreement with Respect Thereto and the Approval of the Terms and Details of such Bonds; Establishing a Book-Entry Registration System for such Bonds; Appointing the Paying Agent and Registrar for said Bonds; Authorizing the Distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and the Execution and Delivery of an Official Statement with Respect to such Bonds; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate and Appointing a Dissemination Agent in Connection Therewith; and Providing for an Effective Date for this Resolution

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Resolution No. 2017-01 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

[RES. NO.](#)  
[2017-02](#)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing the Issuance by the City of not Exceeding \$18,000,000 in Aggregate Principal Amount of City of Venice, Florida General Obligation Bonds (Transportation Improvements), Series 2017, in Order to Finance Certain Transportation-Related Capital Improvements Within the City; Pledging the Proceeds of Ad Valorem Taxes Levied Without Limit on all Taxable Property Within the City to Secure the Payment of the Principal of, Redemption Premium, if any, and Interest on such Bonds; Providing for the Rights of the Holders of such Bonds; Making Certain other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with such Bonds; Authorizing a Negotiated Sale of said Bonds to the Underwriters Described Herein; Delegating Certain Authority to the Mayor for the Authorization, Execution and Delivery of, and Approving the Form of, a Bond Purchase Agreement with Respect Thereto and the Approval of the Terms and Details of such Bonds; Establishing a Book-Entry Registration System for Such Bonds; Appointing the Paying Agent and Registrar for said Bonds; Authorizing the Distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and the Execution and Delivery of an Official Statement with Respect to such Bonds; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate and Appointing a Dissemination Agent in Connection Therewith; and Providing for an Effective Date for this Resolution

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

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

**McKeon, that Resolution No. 2017-02 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

**RES. NO.**  
**2017-05**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending Resolution No. 2015-12, Schedule of Fees and Charges by Temporarily Amending the Fee Schedule for Certain Rezone Applications; Providing for Waiver; Providing for Termination of this Resolution, and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2017-05 be approved and adopted.**

Discussion followed regarding rezoning application charges and fairness to property owners. Mr. Shrum spoke on properties treated with city zoning, land development code (LDC), short term and long term proposals, applying city zoning standards, land development regulation (LDR) time frame, notification process to property owners, and permit process.

Discussion continued regarding annexation ordinances, property tax collection, waiving rezoning application fees, costs and revenues, permit tracking system, neighborhood workshops, city zoning designations, public hearings, waiving fees on a case by case basis, and development standard differences.

Ms. Fernandez responded to council questions regarding amending the resolution to apply only to developed property.

Discussion continued regarding staff discussions with property owners.

John Woolschlager, 2090 West First Street, Ft. Myers, thanked staff for preparing the resolution, spoke regarding his property's zoning designation and inability to sell, and asked council to support some action in fairness to property owners.

Discussion followed on clarifying interpretation of the term "properties" in the resolution.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Ms. Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize



**C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION**[17-2492](#)

Direct Staff to Proceed with Site Acquisition for Public Safety Facility

There was no objection by council to address this item next on the agenda.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to direct staff to proceed with site acquisition for public safety facility.**

Discussion followed on Wellfield Park, referendum, government use of park, master parks plan, and sunshine law.

Steve Miller, Bond Counsel, Nabors, Giblin, and Nickerson Attorneys at Law, spoke on bond referendum, Venice Avenue site location, recommendation to delay issuing bonds, potential risks, and tax rules.

Discussion followed on Mr. Miller's legal opinion, potential risks, East Venice Avenue property, residents voting decision, park land, Waterford Homeowners Association, bond referendum, and site acquisition cost.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the master parks plan, interest rates, making good faith commitment on borrowing money, and three year project construction time frame.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Ms. Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

Recess was taken from 11:54 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS - Continued**

[RES. NO.](#)  
[2017-06](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC, and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond, and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2017-06 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Fraize

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

[17-2500](#)

Virginia Haley, President, and Erin Duggan, Vice President, Visit Sarasota County: Visit Sarasota County Update (10 min.)

Ms. Haley provided a presentation and spoke on tourism, international visitors, jobs in Sarasota County, tourism impact on employment, tourist tax collected in fiscal year (FY) 2016, Sausalito California, and sports tourism.

Ms. Duggan spoke on advertising and sales to include stock photography, collaborative advertising with other businesses, research, testing, and delivery, emotional mapping, tested positions, brand objectives benefit, positioning statement, and logo.

Discussion followed regarding county logo, Braves spring training, and the county's advertising agreement and market.

[17-2501](#)

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Requesting Council Action on Downtown Reconstruction Project Including One-Way Road Consideration on W. Miami and W. Tampa Avenues, Reduction to One Lane of Travel on Eastbound W. Venice Avenue and Construction of a Path within the Existing W. Venice Avenue Median (15 minutes)

Ms. Weeden provided a presentation on the downtown conceptual design and spoke on summary of council actions from the January 13, 2017 council meeting, downtown project boundary, improvements on Nokomis Avenue and Nassau Street, and improvement options for Venice, Tampa, and Miami Avenues.

Discussion followed regarding project outcome, providing Ms. Weeden council direction, paving Venice Avenue, conceptual design, and downtown vision.

Discussion continued regarding median, landscaping, restaurant walkway, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

Ms. Weeden spoke on parklets and Venice Avenue improvement options. Discussion continued regarding parklets and businesses paying for construction, land lease and permit fee, downtown parking, code requirements, and providing restaurants temporary seating during special events.

Ms. Weeden continued to speak in regards to Venice, Tampa, and Miami Avenue improvement options.

Discussion followed regarding Epiphany Church, bicycle facilities, parklets, sidewalk in median, date palms, landscaping, pedestrian crossing, leaving traffic patterns as is on Venice, Tampa, and Miami Avenues, adding sharrows, conducting resident survey on promenade, providing design team direction by February 28, 2017, curb design, bicycle lane, traffic flow, downtown mobility study, wording on survey, promenade restoring original John Nolen plan, and providing a visual conceptual design to residents.

Erin Silk, Executive Director of Venice MainStreet, spoke on upcoming 30th anniversary in May, board of directors' recommendation to not make changes to the traffic pattern in downtown and being in favor of adding promenade in the median without making changes to the archway sign, and pedestrian safety.

Janine Joyner, 817 Riviera Street, spoke on parklets, widening sidewalks, promenade, and opposition to one-way traffic pattern on Tampa and Miami Avenues.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to leave Miami Avenue, Tampa Avenue and Venice Avenue as is, to add sharrows and to move forward with the development of a conceptual plan for a promenade to be placed for public survey. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels to direct staff to research parklets, including how businesses would pay and report back to council on code requirements. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

Ms. Weeden noted discussion on parklets will be delayed until staff is further in the design process.

[17-2502](#)

Finance Director Linda Senne: Monthly Financial Report (10 min.)

Ms. Senne spoke on the quarterly investment report to include purchases, federal market rates, fixed incomes, maturities, investment returns, SunTrust earned credit rating, and money transfers.

Discussion followed on unrestricted government funds and proprietary fund types, and building maintenance, depreciation, one-cent sales tax, and construction funds.

Ms. Senne spoke on the financial report to include revenues and expenditures of the general, building, airport, water and sewer utility, solid waste, and stormwater funds.

Ms. Senne noted the Gondolier and Sarasota Herald Tribune will have an advertisement on the bond issue.

Recess was taken from 3:05 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

[17-2503](#)

Len Bramble, Assistant City Manager and Peter Boers, Procurement Manager- Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for Concession Services South Jetty/Humphris Park

Mr. Bramble and Mr. Boers spoke regarding the request for proposal (RFP), scope of work, operating hours, and level of service (LOS).

Discussion followed on park closure procedures, operating hours, equipment purchases, providing information regarding park's name, limiting biodegradable products and revenue, concessioner fees, business prices, building structure, scope of work, propane gas usage, health department inspections, structure maintenance, simplifying RFP requirements, Anita's Sandcastle and expiration of lease, north Jetty and Nokomis Beach concessions, and modeling county RFP regarding concessions.

### ***COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued***

[17-2442](#)

Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance to Encourage Domestic Partnerships to Become Registered with Sarasota County and Phase out the Domestic Partnership Registry Within a Certain Time Period (Stelzer)

Discussion followed regarding registering domestic partnerships, city ordinance, not accepting new applications and keeping current ones, registering with the county, terminating registered partnerships, and Ms. Stelzer working with the city attorney on drafting an ordinance.

**There was council consensus to have the city clerk draft ordinance as stated.**

[17-2494](#)

Direct the City Attorney to Prepare a Synopsis of the Policy Implications in the Proposed Comprehensive Plan (Anderson)

**A motion was made by Council Member Anderson to approve Item No. 17-2494. The motion failed due to lack of a second.**

[17-2493](#)

Increasing Opportunities for Resident Input in Comprehensive Plan Process (Anderson)

Mayor Holic passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Cautero.

**A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Mayor Holic, to approve Item No. 17-2493.**

Ms. Anderson provided council with notes and stated motion gives residents more opportunity to provide input on the comprehensive plan.

**Ms. Anderson withdrew her motion.**

Vice mayor Cautero passed the gavel back to mayor Holic.

Ms. Anderson left the dais at 3:52 p.m. and did not return.

[17-2495](#) Tourist Development Council Tax Funds FY 2016 Distribution (Daniels)

Mr. Daniels spoke regarding the distribution of the tourist development tax (TDT) funds to include beach maintenance and renourishment.

Discussion followed on money allocated to the city for beach maintenance. Ms. Weeden commented on expenditures for FY 2016 and explained the process on how the city accumulates funding for beaches.

[17-2496](#) Florida Department of Transportation 2015 Performance Report Highlights (Daniels)

Mr. Daniels spoke on Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) 2015 performance report.

[17-2497](#) Florida Department of Transportation Self Driving Cars, Tampa Autonomous Shuttles and Driverless Shuttles (Daniels)

Mr. Daniels spoke on driverless vehicles, Tampa receiving federal grant for driverless transit vehicles, and requesting driverless vehicle grant for the city.

**A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to direct the city manager to consult with Sarasota County on the use of self driving vehicles in the city. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

[17-2498](#) SCATPlus Passenger Satisfaction Survey September 2016 (Daniels)

Mr. Daniels noted the Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT)Plus is a handicap SCAT system.

[17-2499](#) Request Council Approve Sending Letter to the Mayor of Exmouth, England Stating that the City of Venice is Interested in Finding out more Information on Twinning with Exmouth (Holic)

Mayor Holic spoke on the request to a send letter to the Mayor of Exmouth.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Mayor Holic send a letter to the Mayor of Exmouth, England stating that the city is interested in finding out more information on twinning with Exmouth and permission for the mayor to turn over to Historic Preservation Board. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

[17-2504](#) Mayor John Holic: State of the City (10 min.)

Mayor Holic presented his State of the City report to include the downtown business district, providing a yearly State of the City address, budgetary process, shortcomings outlined in the strategic plan and council's progress, staff assignments, FY 2018 federal and legislative priorities, and five major pillars of the community.

**VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS**City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez provided an update on the Sarasota County mobility fee agreement.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding Troll Music taking over responsibility of the showmobile and making it available to the city for special events.

**IX. COUNCIL REPORTS*****Council Member Gates***

Ms. Gates spoke regarding users of Wellfield, Pinebrook, and Chuck Reiter Parks.

***Council Member McKeon***

Mr. McKeon spoke on variance request for Aqua Doc and provided update on the comprehensive plan.

***Council Member Cautero***

Mr. Cautero noted speaking at the Venice Sunrise Rotary.

***Council Member Daniels***

Mr. Daniels spoke on concerns with the library and requested a presentation from the county on their plans for the new library.

**There was council consensus to direct the city manager to request a presentation from Sarasota County on their plans for the new library.**

Discussion followed regarding demolition of library, and lease agreement and boundaries.

***Mayor Holic***

Mayor Holic spoke on future agenda items to include publishing meeting end time, scheduling special meetings, and approval to attend the Florida League of Mayors.

**There was council consensus for Mayor Holic to attend the Florida League of Mayors.**

Mayor Holic provided an update on Council of Governments (COG) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion followed regarding funding to purchase property, interlocal agreement with Sarasota County School Board, Student Leadership Academy, use of Wellfield Park as a practice field, Mr. Lavallee contacting the school board to discuss sharing resources, and discussing agenda process with meeting end time at the next council meeting.

There was council consensus to direct the city manager to discuss the shared use of fields with the school board.

***Council Member Anderson***

Ms. Anderson had no report.

***Council Member Fraize***

Mr. Fraize was absent.

**X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Emilio Carlesimo complimented the mayor and council for their accomplishments.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor - City of Venice

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City Clerk