



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, June 29, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting - Budget for Fiscal Year 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Deborah Anderson

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Finance Director Linda Senne, Airport Director Mark Cervasio, and Controller Joe Welch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Mr. Lavallee provided an overview of the discussion for the meeting.

[17-2806](#)

City Council Determination on Issues Raised During Budget Workshops

Ms. Senne reviewed the line items that were discussed at the budget workshop to include boat registration, parking/HCP fines, replacement, financing and reconstruction, financing, and relocation costs relative to Fire Station 1, fire assessment fee, and Venice Beach concession project.

Discussion took place regarding county funding for parks.

Ms. Senne continued to review Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) membership, trolley service and brochures, turtle lighting, building reserve to one cent sales tax Capital Improvement

Project (CIP), allocation of funds to archive storage project, Venetian Walk, Economic Development Advisory Board contribution, and effect of the changes on various funds and departments, and responded to council questions regarding proposed reduction, property value increase revenue, and lawn mower in one-cent sales tax fund.

Discussion took place regarding Farmer's Market revenue.

Mr. Welch spoke to lawn mowers being vetted through the fleet manager prior to purchase.

Discussion continued on turtle lighting at the beach.

Mr. Lavallee spoke to revised projected revenues and revised net, fire assessment fee revenue, reducing millage, funding balances, and supporting the reduction of millage to 3.1 mill.

Ms. Senne provided an updated general fund effect sheet with a .25 mill reduction and .50 mill reduction.

Discussion followed regarding fund balance history, public support, and building the reserve fund.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on Fire Station 1 in regards to review of pursuing airport property, formally request consideration from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), shared responsibility for utility infrastructure, sewer cleanout requirements, proactive approach to infrastructure upgrades, and property owner responsibility.

Discussion ensued on council being provided the fund balance from 2006 to present.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to approve pages 1, 2, and 30 as changes to the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Chief Carvey provided information on Fire Station 1 regarding relocation, presenting costs for temporary fixes, roof repairs, review of other issues by an engineer, and responded to council questions regarding assessment of best location option and available properties.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a timeframe on replacement items and cost for temporary station.

There was consensus for the city manager to pursue discussion with the FAA regarding airport property for a fire station.

Discussion followed regarding FAA funding, allowing city use of the property at a reasonable rate, and conducting a study.

Mr. Cervasio informed council of his discussion with the FAA with emphasis on the possibility of a reduced rate if the airport is not currently paying for fire services.

Discussion followed regarding fire impact fees, advanced life support services, potential changes to union contracts, and obtaining a cost profile on possible locations.

Ms. Senne stated that staff will be presenting the determination of a maximum millage for TRIM notice at the July 11, 2017 council meeting and noted the TRIM notice would not include the fire assessment fee.

Discussion followed regarding notification to Bay Indies, communication with residents regarding TRIM notice and fire fee assessment, annual evaluations, county tree permit process, and department goals.

In response to council discussion, Ms. Stelzer spoke to actions she has taken regarding ride sharing within the city.

[17-2807](#)

City Council Determination of Funds Going to Reserves

This item was discussed under item no. 17-2806.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk