



"City on the Gulf"

## City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: DAVID HABECKER Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 1430 CARSWELL ST.

City: PORT CHARLOTTE State: FL Zip: 33953

Telephone: 970 443 1065

Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation.

☐ Agenda - Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the evidence or factual representation, which I am about to give or present at the public hearing, held this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ is truthful.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: ROBERT KAPLAN Date: Aug 28th, 2017  
Address: 1311 Cypress Ave  
City: Venice State FL Zip 34285  
Telephone: 941-600-8473  
Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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☒ Audience Participation

☐ Agenda - Topic: FIRE TAX

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Signature: Robert Kaplan

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Name: CHRIS FERRANTE Date: 8/28/17  
Address: 640 ARNOLD ROAD SOUTH  
City: VENICE State FL Zip 33428  
Telephone: 941 400-8971  
Organization (if any): N/A

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☐ Audience Participation

☒ Agenda - Topic: FIRE INSURANCE FEES.

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Signature: [Signature]

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Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Janine Joyner Date: 8-28-17  
Address: 817 Riviera St.  
City: Venice State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: 941-484-2169

Organization (if any): Myself

Please Check One

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☒ Agenda - Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Janine Joyner

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Name: Jim ROGERS Date: 8/28/17  
Address: 631 ALHAMBRA Rd. # 803  
City: VENICE State: FL Zip: 34285  
Telephone: 941-488-2423

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☐ Agenda - Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Larry Wilson Date: 8-28-17  
Address: 601 Armada Rd. S  
City: Venice State: FL Zip: 34285  
Telephone: 359-1651  
Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Audience Participation

☒ Agenda - Topic: Fire Fee Assessments

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Signature: Larry Wilson

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Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name:

Carol Parker

Date:

8/28

Address:

230 Padova Way

City:

Venice

State:

FL

Zip:

34275

Telephone:

919-~~270~~274-4447

Organization (if any):

myself

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☐ Agenda - Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Cayman*

Name: Mike Raftery Date: 8/28/17  
Address: 989 Cayman E  
City: Venice State: FL Zip: 334289  
Telephone: 406-0138

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☐ Agenda - Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING DELAYING ADOPTION OF THE FIRE FEE  
AND SENDING THE PROPOSAL TO THE STAKEHOLDERS GROUP.

A lot of issues with the proposal need the Stakeholder's process to insure "fairness" and most important, "AVOID LITIGATION!"

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO ADOPT SOMETHING NOW AND FIX IT LATER.

Some of the contentious issues involve:

The Consultant was not familiar with building value calculations developed by Sarasota County and major flaws have resulted (including the wrath of Bill Furst):

- Condo values are inflated with the value of common amenities and common land.....a last minute fix to compensate using "average land value" in Venice is ripe for litigation and not previously tested in the Court system
- Adding "Extra Features" to "Building Value" inflates that figure for residential's with \$ for nonstructural items such tennis courts and swimming pools
- Adding "Extra Features" to "Building Value" inflates that figure for non-residential's with \$ for parking lot pavement and other nonstructural features

Let's not burden the Churches and Salvation Army with this fee....appears they can be excluded and should be

Fire Fees in Florida have a shadow of involvement with litigation and Stantec has been tested as taxpayers have paid exorbitant legal fees to get these cases resolved.....

- Cape Coral involved \$24 million of fees collected and put on hold for years as the case moved through the Courts all the way up to the Supreme Court
- Cooper City involved claims for a \$2.5 million refund of fees that also dragged through the Court system
- The Citizens of Venice do not want to be dragged through another Court Case like the Sunshine Law Violation.....we can't afford the legal fees and time delay

Going the Stakeholders route will guarantee "fairness" and "AVOID LITIGATION!". You will have folks like:

- Lee Lichtle a dedicated "watchdog" who will make sure the condo owners will be protected
- Tony Pinzone, my neighbor, and avid activist, who will make sure the interests of the manufactured home owners are looked after
- And when I was on the Group, we had a representative from: Bird Bay, Single Family residents, and for non-residentials, a representative from the Hospital, and Mike Pachota of Sharkeys

They have worked together to refine many controversies regarding financial proposals, and a similar group worked to get the Building Permit process streamlined.

Going the Stakeholders route will also insure "Due Process" for our Sno Birds as they will be able to participate in the evolution of this proposal.



## General Fund

### Revenue

\$ 26,726,319.00	<b>Latest \$</b>	<b>26,726,319.00</b>	Includes deduct of \$906,974 reduction for millage reduction
\$ 906,974.00	\$	906,974.00	Add back in, looking at full 3.6 rate & no fire fee

Next 2 items not used in analysis, but offered for consideration

- \$ - Potential increase using 8.3% increase in Property Values  
Rather than 6.6% used- represents \$211,670
- \$ - Increase Item 313.60-00 Water Tax from 5% to 6%  
Potential additional revenue of \$100,000

\$ 200,000.00

Pick a Number for Potential Revenue Enhancement

**\$ 27,633,293.00 Adjusted Revenue**

\$ 27,833,293.00

### Expenses

\$ 24,986,068.00	<b>Latest \$</b>	<b>24,986,068.00</b>	
\$ 4,210,000.00	\$	4,210,000.00	Add back in Fire Fee Revenue at 50% All Fire Dept Expense to be in Gen'l Fund

\$ (1,000,000.00)

Capital Outlay Adjustment Pick a Number

\$ (300,000.00)

Administrative Item Adjustment Pick a Number

\$ (462,775.00)

Personnel Adjustment Pick a Number

**\$ 29,196,068.00 Adjusted Expense**

\$ 27,433,293.00

**\$ (1,562,775.00) (City Mgr prefers to have \$400,000)**

\$ 400,000.00



**Pool for Capital Outlay Adjustments**

- \$ (1,039,215.00) Fire Dept Capital Outlay - Deduct and cover with 1 cent sales tax (delete Engineering \$1,489,000; bond road work is enough improvements for now)  
(In addition to Engineering work substitution may also consider adjustment to \$1,000,000 payment to NEW Building Fund Item)
- \$ (1,039,215.00) Total Above for Cap Outlay Adjustments

**Pool for Administrative Item Adjustments**

- \$ (257,667.00) Postpone re-allocation of Insurance costs; not supported by Finance as some Enterprise Funds are in the red; all Ent Funds are drawing from reserves for 2018 and these small pro-rated amounts will not break the bank)
- \$ (289,151.00) Postpone in Fire Dept, Item .44-50 Fleet Replacement Item  
(future impact fees may come into play)
- \$ 55,000.00 Add in Item .44-50 Fleet Repl for new fire truck (if delete item above)
- \$ (212,516.00) Postpone other Item .44-50 Fleet Replacement Items in Gen'l F
- \$ (704,334.00) Total Above for Admin Item Adjustments

**Pool for Personnel Adjustments (Staff assignment changes and new FTE's**

- \$ (150,000.00) Delay transfer Assist City Mgr allocation from Ent Funds
- \$ (115,000.00) Transfer allocation of St'water Eng/Anal/T1/T1 from Eng to Stormwater Ent Fund  
Finance suggests Fund now underwater so can't absorb; however, Stormwater budget Adds a Crew Leader for \$94,482; interesting how Eng and Stormwater share folks to confuse the budget process - forget new hire and transfer Eng position
- \$ (22,031.00) Historical Resources - Pay raise for Manager
- \$ (87,725.00) Information Systems - new GIS/Data Base Mgr
- \$ (387,681.00) Police - 7 new FTE's
- \$ (83,783.00) Public Works Admin - Fleet Manager
- \$ (357,873.00) Fire Dept - includes new Deputy Fire Chief. City has too many Assistant/Deputy Positions  
Assistant City Manager, Assistant City Engineer, etc....still need to tighten belt!
- \$ (82,490.00) Finance Dept - Customer Service Rep
- \$ (67,992.00) Public Works Gen'l Maint - Added Mid Year (may not be eligible for adjustment)
- \$ (91,899.00) Planning and Zoning - may be from 2017 - if not filled, possible adjustment?
- \$ (1,446,474.00) Total Above for Personnel Adjustments



## ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are used for City cost centers that charge user fees for products or services, that are intended to recover the full costs of those products or services. The City maintains four enterprise funds, as follows:

- 401 - Airport Fund
- 421 - Water and Sewer Utility Fund
- 470 - Solid Waste Fund
- 480 - Storm Water Drainage Fund

CITY OF VENICE PROPOSED FY18 BUDGET ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
REVENUES	401	421	470	480	TOTAL
GRANTS	\$2,613,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,113,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		22,972,480	6,041,400	1,516,400	30,530,280
INTEREST EARNINGS	56,000	240,000	28,800	12,100	336,900
MISCELLANEOUS	1,859,860	1,071,820	56,100	-	2,987,780
LOANS		6,450,000		1,400,000	7,850,000
TOTAL REVS AND SOURCES	4,528,860	31,234,300	6,126,300	2,928,500	44,817,960
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT		11,964,899	5,583,079	-	17,547,978
TRANSPORTATION	1,511,347			1,133,621	2,644,968
DEBT SERVICE		2,715,502		-	2,715,502
CAPITAL OUTLAY/PROJECTS	3,305,000	18,578,500	17,000	2,300,000	24,200,500
OTHER USES:					
ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	259,221	1,509,724	574,883	144,676	2,488,504
TRANSFERS TO FLEET	21,000	1,265,010	607,374	32,440	1,925,824
TOTAL EXPS AND USES	5,096,568	36,033,635	6,782,336	3,610,737	51,523,276
CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL	(567,708)	(4,799,335)	(656,036)	(682,237)	(6,705,316)
BEG. EST WORKING CAPITAL	2,446,196	26,796,588	2,863,675	1,934,093	34,040,552
ENDING WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 1,878,488	\$ 21,997,253	\$ 2,207,639	\$ 1,251,856	\$ 27,335,236

### Major Funds:

**Fund 401** – The Airport Fund will dip into reserves during FY18, anticipating a reduction in working capital of \$567,708 for the year. The FY18 budget includes capital projects costing \$3,305,000, which will be financed with grants totaling \$2,613,000 and operating revenues/reserves of \$692,000. Ending reserves (working capital) are projected at \$1.9 million, which is 37% of budgeted expenditures/uses.

**Fund 421** – The Utilities Fund will dip into reserves during FY18, anticipating a reduction in working capital of \$4,799,335 for the year. The FY18 budget includes capital projects costing \$18,578,500, which will be financed with State Revolving Fund loans totaling \$6,450,000 and operating revenues/reserves for the balance. Ending reserves (working capital) are projected at \$22.0 million, but include \$9.2 million in restricted assets (which can only be spent on “expansion” projects). Excluding restricted assets, net working capital is projected to end the year at 36% of budgeted expenditures/uses.