

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, CREATING A VENICE FIRE DEPARTMENT (VFD) STAKEHOLDER'S WORK GROUP AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice has determined the use of stakeholders is critical to analyzing funding of the VFD; and

**WHEREAS**, a group of city residents representing the various geographic sections of the city and the various building structure types including single family residence, condominium, manufactured homes, commercial/business, and non-profit facilities will participate along with city staff and its consultants to engage in an analysis of the VFD funding and provide a recommendation to city council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Established. There is hereby established a Venice Fire Department Stakeholder's Work Group, herein referred to as the "Group". The city council shall appoint the members who will serve until the dissolution of the Group.

**SECTION 3.** Membership. There shall be five members consisting of a representative from each of the following building structure types: 1) single-family residence, 2) condominium, 3) manufactured home, 4) commercial/business and 5) non-profit entity. Members from single-family residence, condominium and manufactured home categories shall be city residents. Members from commercial/business and non-profit entity categories shall be in the city limits. At least one member shall be from the island and one member shall be from off-island.

**SECTION 4.** Duties and Responsibilities. The Group shall participate with city staff and its consultant to engage in an analysis of funding the VFD, review Florida statutes governing fire fees, review relevant Florida court cases, examine the City of Venice annual general operating budget and various funds currently supporting the operational and capital needs of the fire department, examine the current and future operating and equipment requirements of the fire department, determine the needs and options for additional revenue sources beyond the annual allocation from the city's general obligation budget, and one-cent sales tax (e.g. fire impact fee), review the proceedings of the 2017 fire fee workshops and public hearings and provide a recommendation to the city council for funding of the VPD. The final product and presentation to city council shall be due no later than May 1, 2018.

**SECTION 5.** Compensation. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on the group.

**SECTION 6.** Meetings. The meeting schedule will be determined by the Group. The Group shall

comply with all applicable requirements of Florida's Sunshine Law, Public Records laws, the Code of Ethics and all city policies for public representatives. Members shall use city email accounts for all city related business.

**SECTION 7.** Removal. Members serve at the pleasure of city council and may be removed from the Group by city council at any time with or without cause.

**SECTION 8.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, as provided by law.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.**

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John W. Holic, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 24th day of October 2017, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said City this 24th day of October 2017.

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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David Persson, City Attorney