



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Giddens, Procurement Manager Peter Boers, Fleet Manager Travis Hout, and City Engineer Kathleen Weeden.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member McKeon.

I. RECOGNITION

[17-2942](#) Proclaim October 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Presented to Linda Bergen, Auxiliary President, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)

Mr. McKeon presented this proclamation to Linda Bergen.

[17-2943](#) Proclaim October 23-28, 2017 as Make a Difference Week, Presented to Jim and Chris Foubister, Directors of Tri County Community Foundation and Billy Swanson, President/Owner of Tri County Air Conditioning

Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Jim Foubister and Billy Swanson.

[17-2944](#) Recognize Volunteers for Their Service During Hurricane Irma

Mayor Holic recognized volunteers and city staff for their service during Hurricane Irma at the Venice Community Center.

[17-2922](#) Present Company Citation and Valor Awards Recognizing Fire Crews'

Superior Service at Emergency Incidents

Mayor Holic presented Company Citation and Valor Awards to Fire Crew members.

[17-2945](#)

Swear in Marty Dietz as Firefighter/EMT, Inspector Jack Stevenson as Fire Marshal, Lt. James C. Runck as Admin. Battalion Chief and Admin. Battalion Chief Frank Giddens as Deputy Fire Chief, Venice Fire Department

Mayor Holic swore in Fire Marshal Jack Stevenson, Firefighter/EMT Marty Dietz, Battalion Chief James Runck, and Deputy Fire Chief Frank Giddens.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Pam Schierberg, 1624 Lis court Drive, spoke regarding adding a turn lane on Edmonson Road, proposed developments, and traffic.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve items on the Consent Section with the exception of Items Nos. 17-2949 and 100-2017. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[17-2946](#)

Appoint Student Member Jillian Alexander to the Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve a Term from October 24, 2017 until April 30, 2018

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[17-2947](#)

Reappoint David Tschanz to the Historic Preservation Board to Serve a Term from November 1, 2017 until October 31, 2020

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[17-2948](#)

Appoint Student Member Claire Ellis to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve a Term from October 24, 2017 until April 30, 2018

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

Administrative Services

[CON. NO.](#)
[98-2017](#)

Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 1718 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for the Period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Engineering

CON. NO.
99-2017

Approval of Contract with Bayshore Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$348,688.33 for the Service Club Boardwalk Construction

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Fire17-2950

Approval to Purchase Replacement Radio Communication Equipment in the Amount of \$292,628.08 From Motorola Solutions as Based on Florida State Contract #725-500-12-1

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

UtilitiesCON. NO.
101-2017

Approval for the Services of Innovative Metering Solutions in the Amount of \$175,000 for Meter Purchases for FY 2018

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

CON. NO.
102-2017

Approve Purchase of Lift Station Odor Control Chemicals from Evoqua Water Technologies in the Amount of \$220,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2018

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

17-2951

Approval of Final Deductive Change Order No. 1 with Poole & Kent Company of Florida in the Amount of \$169,815.91 Bringing the New Contract Amount to \$9,660,184.09

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT***CITY MANAGER - Continued***Finance17-2949

Request City Council to Declare the Listed Vehicles as Surplus and Direct the Finance Department to Properly Dispose of These Items at Auction

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Item No. 17-2949.

Discussion took place regarding disposal of a new fountain pump.

Mr. Boers noted the pump has a disposal voucher, but has not been placed in public surplus for auction.

Discussion continued regarding pier lights and Mr. Boers providing council with an updated disposal list.

Mayor Holic noted correction to Item No. 4 in the memorandum to include vehicle is a 2005 Taurus.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Police

CON. NO. 100-2017

Approval of an Agreement with OTB Consulting, Inc. in the Amount of \$279,240 for Owner's Representative/Project Management Services for the City of Venice Public Safety Facility

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to approve Item No. 100-2017.

Discussion followed regarding shooting range, public safety facility, project scope and costs, tactical training, construction contract, and solicitations and ranking.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION

17-2898

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Park and Road Impact Fee Update with Proposed Projects List for Consideration and Requesting Council Action (10 min.)

Ms. Weeden spoke on road impact fees and estimated fiscal year (FY) 2018 balance, mobility fees, and priority project list.

Discussion followed regarding Jet Center lease negotiations, FY19 project budget allocation, second access road at the airport, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) plans and draft work program, impact fees, the city's five year plan, Pinebrook Road expansion, Venice Avenue intersection, revenue sources, Sarasota County's five year plan, Circus Bridge and special events traffic, Venetian Waterway Trail, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) permit and approval, and development of the Circus property.

Discussion ensued on Pinebrook corridor funding, request for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, Pinebrook Road at East Venice and Ridgewood Avenue intersection project, Pinebrook Road expansion, Sarasota County's long range transportation plan, FDOT, the county's priority project list, and sending a letter to the county requesting to advance project.

There was council consensus for the city manager to send a letter to Sarasota County requesting to move the Pinebrook and Edmondson Road intersection improvement project up on the priority list.

Discussion took place regarding widening Pinebrook Road, Border Road traffic and speed limit, and PD&E request.

Discussion followed on the project priority list to include removing Ringling Boulevard extension and moving Pinebrook and Edmondson Road intersection project up to Item No. 2, Ms. Weeden conducting corridor analysis with proposed improvements, capacity projects, Jacaranda Boulevard extension, removing Item No. 4 Pinebrook Road expansion from East Venice Avenue to Center Road from the priority list, county roads, and development and traffic gridlock.

There was council consensus to remove Item No. 2 Ringling Boulevard extension, move Item No. 3 to Item No. 2 and change to intersection only, and move Item No. 4 to No. 3 and change to expand Pinebrook Road only within city limits on the priority list.

Discussion ensued on leaving Ringling Boulevard extension in the priority list, partnership with hotel development on road expansion, and road impact fees.

Mr. Persson provided clarification on road impact fee use.

Ms. Weeden noted mobility fees can be used for other features other than capacity projects.

Recess was taken from 11:03 a.m. until 11:12 a.m.

Ms. Weeden spoke regarding park impact fees, project list, and the parks master plan.

Discussion followed regarding developing a park in northeast Venice, dog park, Venezia Park multi-use trail, pickleball courts, Australian Pines and invasive species, parks master plan, Ajax property, park impact fee use, sports parks and county response, cost to develop a park, passive park, county deadline for FY19 projects, and the county's master parks plan.

There was council consensus to hold off on park impact fees until the parks master plan is completed.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[17-2952](#)

Approve a Short-term Lease Between Avenida de Colores, Inc. (Chalk Festival) and the City of Venice Allowing the Chalk Festival Temporary Use of City Property Located at 224 Milan Avenue West from October 25, 2017 through November 18, 2017

Ms. Stelzer read the notice of public hearing.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

Item No. 17-2952 was not approved due to lack of a motion.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO. 2017-32](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending Chapter 86, Land Development Code, Article V, Use Regulations, Division 9, Specific Use Regulations by Adding Section 86-157, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing Facilities, to Prohibit Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing Facilities Within the Boundaries of the City as Authorized by Section 381.986, Florida Statutes; Providing for a Moratorium Contingency; Providing for Conflict with Other Ordinances; Providing for a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer noted email communication was received and will be included in the record for final reading.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-32 on first reading and schedule it for final reading.

Discussion followed regarding medicinal marijuana and Mayor Holic speaking with legislators regarding the federal and state law conflict on dispensaries.

There was council consensus for the mayor to speak with legislators regarding the federal and state law conflict on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Discussion followed on state and federal laws, dispensaries, restrictions and safeguards, referendum approval, and legislation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

V. NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED

B. RESOLUTIONS

RES. 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

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Cautero, that Resolution No. 2017-25 be approved and adopted.

An amendment to the motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to add in section four, second to last sentence, consolidation of the fire department with Sarasota County will not be part of the review process.

Mr. Daniels read his statement opposing consolidation of the fire department.

Discussion continued on consolidation, public safety, merger with the county, funding capital items, fire fee, fire impact fees on new construction, fire station no. 1, eliminating consolidation from the resolution, stakeholders group, pension expense, quality of service rating, taxpayer and general fund savings, the county's fire fee, collaboration and communication with the county, library naming, fire and emergency medical services (EMS) separation, boundary lines on first responders, cost to operate the fire department, leaving consolidation as an option, fire fee being tax deductible, funding the fire department, city maintaining control of the fire department, and resident feedback on consolidation.

Mayor Holic passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Cautero.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mayor Holic, seconded by Council Member Gates, to include the focus of the stakeholders group is on a unified fire department and that consolidation should be to bring EMS into the Venice Fire Department.

Discussion continued regarding having one fire chief for all fire stations, bringing EMS into the Venice Fire Department, ambulance transport fees, county EMS revenue and impact fees, consolidation with the county, and ambulance services.

Chief Carvey spoke regarding having EMS and fire under one control, Rescue 52 station, and the city's revenue collection rate.

Discussion ensued regarding chain of command, fire fee assessment, stakeholders group, bringing EMS into the city, two step process to include funding the fire department and cost to start EMS program, time frame to implement program, consolidation, public safety, and complexity of combining fire and EMS.

Abby Gage, 600 Alhambra Road, spoke on Community Emergency

Response Teams (CERT), recommended having a team on the island, and explained the program.

Discussion followed on time constraints and limitations.

Ms. Anderson left the dais at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the FY19 budget.

Ms. Anderson returned to the dais at 12:36 p.m.

The amendment to consolidate and bring EMS into the Venice Fire Department failed by voice vote 3-4 with Mr. McKeon, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero, and Mr. Daniels opposed.

The amendment to exclude consolidation of the fire department with the county carried unanimously by voice vote.

Vice Mayor Cautero returned the gavel to Mayor Holic.

Discussion continued on manufactured homes, condominiums, and non-profit and not-for-profit groups.

Recess was taken from 12:40 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Discussion took place on the number of members in the citizens stakeholder group, manufactured homes, condominiums, non-profit and not-for-profit groups, large versus small groups, representatives for different housing types, home owner associations, and beach front homes.

An amendment to the motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Gates, to change membership from five to seven members.

An amendment to the motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to define the two additional members to include a waterfront/waterview condominium homeowner and a manufactured mobile homeowner on non-resident owned land.

Discussion continued regarding membership criteria and charter review committee.

The amendment to change membership to seven members carried unanimously by voice vote.

The amendment to define the two additional members carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion followed on the application and selection process to include November 7, 2017 application submittal deadline.

The amended motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

RES. NO.
2017-26

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Encouraging Advisory Boards to Establish a Summer Recess and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2017-26 be approved and adopted to include changing the wording from "direct" to "encourage".

Discussion took place on changing the wording in Section 2 of the resolution from "direct" to "encourage".

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

17-2953

Direct Staff to Determine the Average Cost of City Council Meetings (Fraize)

Discussion followed regarding the average cost of city council meetings, staff support and time, benchmarking, making meetings more beneficial, reducing costs, providing transparency, and sunshine law.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to direct staff to determine a ball-park figure of the average cost of city council meetings. The motion failed by voice vote 3-4 with Mr. Daniels, Ms. Gates, Mr. McKeon, and Mayor Holic opposed.

17-2954

Contracted Fire Services - Options for Referendum Question (Holic)

This Item was removed from the agenda.

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson noted an additional public records request was made regarding city business texting.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report and commented on monitor settings.

City Manager

Mr. Bramble had no report.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS***Council Member Cautero***

Mr. Cautero reported on Venice MainStreet and the historic preservation board meeting.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize reported attending the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) meeting and commented on city elections.

Discussion followed regarding preemption, the Florida Election Statute, and political committee registrations.

Ms. Stelzer noted she will confirm the political committee registration process and email council.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon provided an update on the planning commission meeting.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson had no report.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels commented on obtaining water quality and storm shelter reports from staff, pier repairs, shark fishing, MPO meeting and November 2, 2017 workshop, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting, and Tourist Development Council (TDC) funding.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and requested council consensus to sign FDOT letter in support of the Christmas Boat Parade.

There was council consensus for the mayor to sign the FDOT letter in support of the Christmas Boat Parade.

Mayor Holic commented on autonomous vehicles and requested council's support to direct staff to report to council with listing of subdivisions and their building standard codes.

Discussion followed on the new library's structure hardening, hurricane codes, Venice Community Center, and hurricane standards for each neighborhood.

There was council consensus to direct staff to report to council on building standard codes for neighborhoods.

Mayor Holic announced the Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education (N.O.P.E.) task force is holding a vigil tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Centennial Park.

Discussion followed regarding Wellfield Park.

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 3:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk