



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Ms. Moore joined the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Vice Mayor Richard Cautero, Council Member Charles Newsom, Council Member Margaret Fiedler and Council Member Helen Moore

Excused: 1 - Mayor John Holic

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: City Engineer Kathleen Weeden and Public Works Director James Clinch.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

I. RECOGNITION

[19-3818](#)

Proclaim the Week of March 17-23, 2019 as Florida Surveyors and Mappers Week, Presented to Bob Heggan, Charlotte Harbor Chapter Member

Vice Mayor Cautero presented this proclamation to Bob Strayer, Strayer Surveying and Mapping Inc.

[19-3819](#)

20-year Service Award: Thomas Davis, Solid Waste Equipment Operator, Public Works

Vice Mayor Cautero presented this award to Thomas Davis.

Council members recognized Mr. Lavallee's seven years of service with the city.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

No one signed up to speak.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve items in the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK

[19-3820](#)

Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop and February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY ATTORNEY

[19-3821](#)

Request Private Attorney Client Session: City of Venice vs. Neal Communities of SW FL, LLC, et al

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGEREngineering

[19-3822](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement No. H0140, Project Number 4337-33-R, in the Amount of \$524,999.99 for the City of Venice Generator Project

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Historical Resources

[19-3823](#)

Approve Venice Museum and Archives as a Sarasota Centennial 2021 Partner

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Police

[19-3824](#)

Approve Second Amended Requested Operational and Voluntary Cooperation Agreement

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[19-3825](#)

Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #1 to the Contract with Ajax/Tandem Construction, A Joint Venture, in the Amount of \$2,277,558, to Include Sitework, General Conditions (Related To Sitework)

and Early Submittal Costs.

This Amendment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

[19-3826](#) Authorize the Purchase of One Stationary Generator from Mid Florida Diesel, Inc. in the Amount of \$65,345 for Placement at the Booster Station

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[19-3827](#) Approval of Work Assignment 2016-02, Cast Iron Water Main Replacement, King Engineering Associates, Inc., \$198,877

This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[19-3828](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute Change Order #8 (LAP-3) in the amount of \$874,116.75 or \$886,616.75 to Quality Enterprises USA, Inc., for Added Work to the Downtown Roadway Corridor Improvement Project for the Nokomis Avenue Drainage Facilities and the Associated Improvements

Ms. Weeden spoke regarding the Nokomis Avenue drainage project, and responded to council questions on downtown's anticipated view during construction, road excavation on Venice Avenue, night work, project timeframe and completion date, and impact to merchants.

Discussion followed regarding downtown road conditions, communication during construction, and project delay.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve Item No. 19-3828 in the amount of \$874,116.75. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. PRESENTATION

[19-3829](#) Wylie Crawford: Proposal for a Carillon in the City of Venice (10 min.)

There was consensus to allow Mr. Crawford to present a 45 second video.

Mr. Crawford spoke to carillon sound levels, moving capability, suggested locations to include the Venice Performing Arts Center (VPAC), Legacy Park and airport festival grounds, and requested council endorse having a carillon in the city.

Discussion followed regarding the VPAC as a preferred location, obtaining the school board's approval, security, Legacy Park, Warm Mineral Springs, project timeframe, length of time the carillon will stay at the site, concern with costs and sound levels, and Sarasota County's fairground.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to endorse the carillon project to be located at the Venice Performing Arts Center. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee had no report.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero noted providing the city manager and city attorney questions on development and growth.

Council Member Fiedler

Ms. Fiedler inquired on staff securing a realtor for the city.

Mr. Lavallee noted there is a recommended vendor that will be added to the next agenda to get council's direction on the disposition of the Hamilton building.

Discussion followed regarding disposal of city properties and adding item to the next meeting agenda.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels spoke regarding the inventory of city owned land, septic systems in the city, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding, and future presentation by Sarasota County's traffic engineer.

Discussion followed on placing the property located in the parking lot of the Venice post office on the April 9, 2019 meeting agenda when the mayor is present.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates commented on the upcoming Braves Stadium March 24, 2019 opening day and Suncoast BBQ and Bluegrass Bash event March 29-30, 2019.

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore had no report.

Council Member Newsom

Mr. Newsom reported on the planning commission meeting and commented on form based land development regulations (LDRs) and codes.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic was absent.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

Ms. Stelzer requested clarification on the April 9, 2019 meeting agenda item regarding the property within the parking lot of the Venice Post Office.

Discussion took place on Ms. Fiedler working with Mr. Lavallee to provide a topic for the agenda item.

[19-3830](#)

11:30 A.M.- PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8), TO DISCUSS CITY OF VENICE VS. NEAL COMMUNITIES OF SW FL, LLC, ET AL, CASE NO. 17-3532 IN THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SARASOTA COUNTY

In attendance will be City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Special Counsel John Shubin, Special Counsel Ian DeMello, Mayor John Holic (via telephone), Vice Mayor Rich Cautero, Council Members Bob Daniels, Mitzie Fiedler, Jeanette Gates, Helen Moore and Chuck Newsom, City Manager Ed Lavallee, and Roberts Court Reporting. (Expected Duration 1 1/2 hours)

Vice Mayor Cautero announced at 11:30 a.m. a Private Attorney-Client session will be held pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8) to discuss City of Venice vs. Neal Communities of SW FL, LLC, Case No. 17-3532 in the 12th Judicial Circuit, Sarasota County.

In attendance will be City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Special Counsel John Shubin, Special Counsel Ian DeMello (via telephone), Mayor John Holic (via telephone), Vice Mayor Rich Cautero, Council Members Bob Daniels, Mitzie Fiedler, Jeanette Gates, Helen Moore and Chuck Newsom, City

Manager Ed Lavallee, and Roberts Court Reporting.

The session will last approximately one and a half hours, after which the meeting will reconvene in council chambers.

Recess was taken at 10:14 a.m.

Vice Mayor Cautero announced at 1:17 p.m. that the Private Attorney-Client session was over and the meeting was reconvened.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk