



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted continuation of July 9, 2019 meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Charles Newsom

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: Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Arborist Jim Yelverton, and Finance Director Linda Senne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Cautero.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Cautero, to excuse Mr. Newsom's absence for both days. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion took place regarding the start time of a meeting when continued to a second day due to a quasi-judicial hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Vice Mayor Cautero, to change the meeting start time to 9:00 a.m. when a meeting is continued to a second day due to a quasi-judicial hearing.

Discussion continued on the start time.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATIONS

[19-4075](#)

Jeff Shrum, AICP, Development Services Director and Kelley Klepper and Jennifer Daoulas, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.: Review and Discussion of the First Draft for City of Venice Tree Ordinance (30 min.)

Mr. Shrum spoke regarding draft ordinance, terminating interlocal agreement with Sarasota County, adding July 9, 2019 county correspondence addressed to Mr. Lavallee to the record, transition process, and comparison of proposed fee schedule to other jurisdictions.

Kelly Klepper, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., provided a presentation and spoke to county and city standards, and changing placement of tree code.

Mr. Shrum commented on replacing Chapter 118.

Mr. Klepper spoke on key changes to include incorporating Florida Friendly Landscaping standards, updated definitions, prohibitions, and tree preservation and replacement standards.

Mr. Shrum spoke on components added to the ordinance, updated definitions, problem trees, and heritage and Venetian tree concepts.

Mr. Klepper spoke regarding caliper versus DBH (diameter at breast height) tree inch standards, permit requirements for commercial and residential properties, and county code requirements.

Mr. Shrum spoke to tree requirements in planned unit developments (PUDs).

Mr. Klepper spoke on prohibitions, exemptions and permits, and tree types to include protected, heritage, and Venetian.

Mr. Shrum commented on heritage and banyan trees, replacement trees, and incentives for protecting existing trees.

Mr. Klepper spoke on tree preservation, economic incentives, tree heights, and ecological benefits.

Mr. Shrum commented on best management practices.

Mr. Yelverton spoke on tree canopy coverage to include increasing percentage in the city, and noted trees in clusters survive better during a hurricane than individual trees.

Mr. Klepper spoke on tree replacements.

Mr. Shrum spoke regarding the county's code minimum of one tree

required for each 2000 square feet and best management practices for replacement plantings, Florida Friendly Landscaping master tree species list, and noted tree ordinance does not include landscaping.

Mr. Klepper spoke to tree canopy calculations, tree mitigation fund, and project types to include qualified attainable housing.

Mr. Shrum commented on educating the public.

Mr. Klepper spoke regarding enforcement, fees comparable to the county's, and optional payment to tree mitigation fund.

Mr. Shrum spoke to proposed fee schedule, code enforcement, and staff's ability to access a property once an application has been submitted.

Mr. Klepper spoke on next steps and future considerations.

Mr. Shrum spoke regarding the city attorney's review and feedback, and timeline.

Discussion followed regarding timeline and termination of the interlocal agreement with the county, protecting trees, state preemption on trimming, residential tree trimming maintenance, oak tree definitions in the ordinance, providing more clarification in the ordinance, including language on recycling of trees, encouraging chipping, marking historical trees, involving high school students and educators, tree mitigation fund and correlation to workforce housing, canopy coverage goals, ordinance length, guidelines on fruit trees, permit display, canopy tree protections, requiring arborists be registered by the city, ad valorem tax credit for Venetian trees, adding a column in the matrix to track storm rated trees, and trees damaging sidewalks and curbs.

Ms. Fernandez commented on state preemption and code limitations.

Discussion continued on tree trimming maintenance permits.

Discussion took place regarding Laurel Road funding.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[19-4077](#)

Discuss the Four Possible Interpretations of Three Percent Increase in Revenue Per Charter (Holic)

Ms. Senne reviewed option E calculations to include proposed budget including amendments and excluding extraordinary items.

Discussion followed regarding charter intent, budget amendments, point in time original budget submission, comparing proposed to the adopted budget, option E calculations, and separating recurring from non-recurring expenses.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cautero, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, to adopt finance department's recommendation for option E, proposed budget including amendments and excluding extraordinary items. The motion carried by voice vote 4-2 with Ms. Gates and Mayor Holic opposed.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk