



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Monday, January 13, 2020

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Private Attorney-Client Session - Denovo Law Services, LLC v. City of Venice

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mr. Pachota joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Council Member Richard Cautero, Vice Mayor Charles Newsom, Dr. Margaret Fiedler, Council Member Helen Moore, Council Member Nick Pachota and Dr. Joseph Neunder

#### ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavallee, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Feinsod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

[19-4346](#)

Request Private Attorney-Client Session on January 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. for Denovo Law Services LLC vs. City of Venice

**A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to approve Item No. 19-4346. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

#### II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

#### III. PRIVATE-ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

[19-4347](#)

1:00 P.M. OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER - PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8), TO DISCUSS DENOVO LAW SERVICES, LLC VS. CITY OF VENICE

In attendance will be City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Mayor Ron Feinsod,

Vice Mayor Chuck Newsom, Council Members Mitzie Fielder, Nick Pachota, Helen Moore, Rich Cautero and Joe Neunder, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Special Counsel Steve Chase and Roberts Court Reporting.  
(Expected Duration 1 Hour)

Mayor Feinsod announced a Private Attorney-Client Session will be held pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8) to discuss Denovo Law Services, LLC vs. City of Venice.

In attendance will be City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Mayor Ron Feinsod, Vice Mayor Chuck Newsom, Council Members Mitzie Fiedler, Nick Pachota, Helen Moore, Rich Cautero and Joe Neunder, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Special Counsel Steve Chase and Roberts Court Reporting.

The session will last approximately one hour, after which the meeting will reconvene in council chambers.

Recess was taken at 1:05 p.m. for the Private Attorney-Client Session.

Mayor Feinsod announced at 1:42 p.m. that the Private Attorney-Client Session was over and the meeting was reconvened.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

[19-4348](#)

Approve Consent Final Judgment in Denovo Law Services, LLC vs. City of Venice

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Newsom, seconded by Council Member Pachota, to approve Item No. 19-4348.**

Steve Chase, Special Counsel, noted there may be verbiage changes that will not affect the final judgement.

**The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

## V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor - City of Venice

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City Clerk