



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

VIRTUAL MEETING (See Instructions Below)

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[20-4466](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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 Lavalley, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Feinsod.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Ms. Fernandez referenced Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis and Executive Order No. 2020-04 issued by the city regarding public meetings, and commented on public participation in virtual meetings.

Recess was taken at 9:09 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

Ellen Bush, 817 Pillitteri Place, inquired on Venice Bayfront Regional Hospital's capacity and relationship with local surgical centers, Venice Airport's operations, and vacation rental properties.

Discussion followed on adding frequently asked questions (FAQs) relating to COVID-19 to the city's website.

II. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Newsom, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve items in the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[20-4454](#) Reappoint Tom Jones to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve a Term From April 1, 2020 Until March 31, 2023

This reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[20-4455](#) Reappoint Student Member Serenaty Lumpkin to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve a Term From April 1, 2020 Until March 31, 2021

This reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[20-4456](#) Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

[20-4457](#) Approve Sending a Recommendation Letter, on Behalf of the Mayor and City Council, to the Florida League of Cities 2020 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards to Nominate Student Government Day for the Florida Citizenship Award

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[20-4458](#) Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Sarasota and the City of Venice Providing for the Administration of a Joint County/Municipality Economic Development Program

This agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Airport

[20-4459](#) Approve Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Venice and Horizon 880, LLC

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Engineering

[20-4460](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute Change Order No. 1 to DEP Grant Agreement No. 19ST4 for the Venice Beach Nourishment Project Updating the Work Plan in the Amount of \$151,549.91

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[20-4461](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute Change Order No. 1 to Spectrum Underground, Inc., to return \$4,800.00 to the Stormwater Contingency Fund and to Authorize an Additional Expenditure of \$61,183.60 from Utilities Enterprise Fund

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Police

[20-4462](#)

Approval to Purchase All of the Furniture for the City of Venice Public Safety Facility from Staples in the Amount of \$398,570.71

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[20-4463](#)

Approve Memorandum Of Understanding Regarding CJIS Compliance And Use of RapidDeploy Cloud Aided Dispatch System

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

[20-4464](#)

Approve Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and Heavy Equipment

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2020-07](#)

THIS ORDINANCE IS RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 2020
An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, Pursuant to Petition No. 19-28AN by SSD Land Holdings, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, W. Russell Snyder and Iralyn M. Snyder, Jason Milton Kramer and Jonathan Sol Kramer, Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Additions; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Pachota, to continue Ordinance No. 2020-07 to April 14, 2020. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ORD. NO.
2020-10

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers and Employees, Division 2, Code of Conduct and Ethics to Adopt the Florida Ethics Code as the City's Code of Ethics; Providing for Severability; Providing for the Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Pachota, that Ordinance No. 2020-10 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Vice Mayor Newsom, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota and Dr. Neunder

V. NEW BUSINESS

20-4465

Response and Actions Related to COVID-19

Discussion took place on recognizing first responders and city staff for keeping the public informed, supporting businesses serving the public, resident feedback on information disseminated by the city, the city's statutory authority, COVID-19, and public comments.

Dr. Neunder provided an update regarding Venice Bayfront Regional Hospital's preparation to respond to COVID-19, and statistical data websites to assist with public concerns.

Discussion followed regarding public input and personal responsibilities.

Mr. Lavalley spoke to the city's budget and revenue, and allowing downtown restaurants to operate remotely.

Discussion continued regarding personal responsibility, including FAQs on the city's website, and anticipated revenue sources and expenditures for next year.

A. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

B. ORDINANCES

ORD. NO.
2020-12

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Finance, Division 2,

Purchases, to Allow for more Effective and Efficient Procurement Procedures; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing An Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Cautero, that Ordinance No. 2020-12 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Vice Mayor Newsom, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota and Dr. Neunder

VI. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez noted there will not be any quasi-judicial proceedings in April for city council and planning commission.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer thanked Mr. St. Luce for his work setting up the virtual meeting.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee commented on council's support of staff.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Neunder

Dr. Neunder noted school breakfast and lunches are still being provided to families in need.

Council Member Pachota

Mr. Pachota had no report.

Council Member Newsom

Vice Mayor Newsom had no report.

Council Member Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler had no report.

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore reported attending a joint meeting with the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and Planning Commission on proposed land development

regulations (LDRs).

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero commented on public health and safety.

Mayor Feinsod

Mayor Feinsod spoke to supporting the community and local merchants.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk