



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

10:30 AM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop - Continued from March 30, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Administrative Coordinator Mercedes Barcia, Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Finance Director Linda Senne, Controller Joe Welch, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce.

In person: Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, Dr. Neunder and Mr. Kelly
Via video conference: Mayor Feinsod and Mr. Pachota

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was previously conducted at the regular council meeting.

I. Unfinished Business

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Strategic Roadway Plan

Mr. Cautero suggested to have staff presentations first.

Ms. Weeden provided a presentation on strategic roadway plan and spoke regarding capacity versus maintenance funding sources, gas tax funding needs, historical paving program, road bond, future maintenance program,

projected costs versus gas tax revenues, paving cost projection and projects with treatment, and final resolution of budget deficit options.

Mayor Feinsod requested council hold questions until after staff presentations.

Mr. Shrum provided a presentation on roadway infrastructure capacity and spoke to Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS), tools for identifying road projects, transportation planning, intersection improvements, traffic studies, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and maintaining an approved level of service (LOS).

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding 2021 road resurfacing project expenditures, and using one-cent sales tax to fund road resurfacing projects.

Vice Mayor Cautero suggested to discuss allocating funds into the one-cent sales tax for resurfacing projects at the budget meetings.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding projected gas tax revenue.

Ms. Senne confirmed the one-cent sales tax can be used for transportation improvement projects.

Discussion followed regarding gas tax revenues, electric vehicles, and obtaining guidance from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Mr. Shrum responded to council questions on fees generated from development impacts, mobility fees, impact fee sources, grants, the state and Sarasota County's awareness of the city's priority projects, and Laurel Road project being "shovel ready".

Discussion continued on road priorities to include Pinebrook Road and East Venice Avenue intersection, Laurel Road from Knights Trail to Jacaranda Boulevard, and Pinebrook Road from Edmondson Road to East Venice Avenue.

Mr. Shrum advised the CIS will be adopted via ordinance, and responded to council questions regarding timeframe to submit CIS projects and whether the city missed an opportunity to submit grant applications last year.

Dr. Neunder requested consensus to communicate with MPO on the city's top three road priorities.

Mr. Shrum clarified role of the CIS and noted projects need to be identified in the comprehensive plan.

Discussion ensued regarding funding requests for county owned roads, staff presenting council with an updated CIS list in May, sending a letter to the Board of County Commissioners on the city's priority projects, Mr. Lavallee's communication with the county on applying for grants, and obtaining more information from staff prior to making a consensus.

Ms. Fernandez explained there can be consensus on the prioritization for staff to utilize when they come before council for formal action.

Vice Mayor Cautionero requested to include a motion on the next council agenda to formalize the road priority projects.

There was consensus on the city's top three road priority projects to include Pinebrook Road and East Venice Avenue intersection, Laurel Road from Knights Trail to Jacaranda Boulevard, and Pinebrook Road from Edmondson Road to East Venice Avenue.

There was consensus to add an action item on the April 27, 2021 council agenda on formalizing road priority projects.

Recess was taken at 11:51 a.m. until 12:48 p.m.

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2022 Proposed Capital Improvement Program

Discussion took place regarding the airport fund and the Utilities Capital Improvement Program Report.

Mr. Vargas responded to council questions on alley infrastructure improvements and paying back State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans.

Ms. Senne noted utility projects are paid with revenues from the water and sewer utility fund, and responded to council questions regarding SRF loans.

Mr. Vargas responded to council questions on adding solar power on buildings, and provided a brief presentation regarding energy cost savings.

Mr. Vargas responded to council questions on the water booster station project costs, solar panel cost savings, funding request to state legislators, and spoke on the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) floating solar system.

Discussion followed on staff providing a status report on the entire outfall project at a future council meeting and Ms. Weeden supplying a report on

outfall testing by the end of June.

Ms. Weeden commented on working with the consultants on widening the city's stormwater impact sampling program, and responded to council questions regarding FY22 funding for outfalls one and two water quality system expansion project, project timeframe, grant applications, and providing council with a report on all outfalls to include project timeline, status, future plans, and estimated costs and revenue streams.

Discussion continued on the fleet replacement fund and Mr. Welch providing council with information on vehicles being fully funded at the budget workshop.

Discussion followed on items requiring a staff update at the budget workshop.

Ms. Senne noted a budget placeholder will be included for Laurel Road and Northeast Venice Park, and budget books will be provided to council the first week of June.

II. Audience Participation will be limited to one hour.

There was none.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk