



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Public Works Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM: James R. Clinch PE, Director of Public Works and Asset Management

DATE: August 17, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: August 24th, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

SUBJECT: Ord. 2021-33 – Parks & Recreation Code Update, Park Closure Hours

Background: Certain parks within the City of Venice are currently designated to be closed to vehicles between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. daily. Sarasota County is planning to modify the closure hours of all their beach parks to the new hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning on October 1st. Staff recommends that the City modify the closure hours for the City beach and athletic parks to stay consistent with Sarasota County. Staying consistent with these closure times is beneficial for public communication and to avoid a potential overflow of late night visitors onto City parks once the County parks close at 10 p.m. This change will result in the gate for the South Jetties (Humphris Park) being closed at 10 p.m. daily.

These proposed changes have been reviewed by the Venice Police Department and have been discussed with the potential impacted stakeholders, including the Crow's Nest Restaurant, Jetty Jacks Refreshment Deck and the Jetty Villas Condominiums.

Requested Action: Review and approve the attached City Ordinance revision 2021-33.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: Yes

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Ordinance 2021-33