

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
CONVOCATION OF GOVERNMENTS
CITY COUNCIL, SARASOTA, FLORIDA

JANUARY 20, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Venice City Council, Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners, Sarasota County School Board, City of Sarasota Commissioners, Town of Longboat Key Commissioners, and City of North Port Commissioners, was held this date at the Suncoast Technical College Conference Center, 4748 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT

The following officials were present: City of Venice Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Rich Cautero, Council Members Kit McKeon, Deborah Anderson and Jeanette Gates, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, and City Clerk Lori Stelzer; Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Chair Paul Caragiulo, Commissioners Alan Maio, Charles D. Hines, and Michael Moran, County Administrator Thomas Harmer, and Deputy Clerks Andrea Greer and Blanca Rodriguez; City of Sarasota Mayor Willie Shaw, Vice Mayor Shelli Freeland Eddie, City Manager Thomas Barwin, and Deputy City Auditor and Clerk Karen McGowan; Town of Longboat Key Mayor Terry Gans and Commissioner George Spoll, Town Manager David Bullock, and Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon; City of North Port Mayor Linda Yates, Commissioners Chris Hanks and Debbie McDowell, City Manager Jonathan Lewis, and City Clerk Patsy Adkins; School Board of Sarasota County Chair Caroline Zucker, Board Members Shirley Brown, Eric Robinson, and Jane Goodwin, Superintendent Lori White, and Administrative Assistant Zoe Marshall.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Zucker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

II. CONVOCATION GOALS AND AGENDA

Ms. Zucker reviewed agenda items and goals.

III. UPDATE ON SUNCOAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE, JOINT-USE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CONFERENCE CENTER PROJECT

Dr. Todd Bowden, Executive Director, Suncoast Technical College, Sarasota County Schools and Sarabeth Kalajian, Director, Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources, provided an update on the Suncoast Technical College in North Port, including history of joint use public

library and conference center, site selection, community conversations, agreements, ground breaking, library amenities, technical programs offered in two phases, program selection, industrial program selection, and building progress.

Discussion followed on this being an excellent example of a partnership and consideration of training for fire and police, water treatment equipment operators, public works, inspectors, and avionics mechanics.

IV. UPDATE ON THE MACHINIST AND NEW TRADE INITIATIVE PROGRAMS

Mike Endee, Program Manager, Industrial Education, Sarasota County Schools, reported on the precision machining and CNC automation program, including its history, and grant funding requests from local manufacturers due to it being considered workforce development. He reviewed the program, company support, NIMS (National Institution of Metalworking Skills) accreditation, enrollment, placement, employers and partnerships.

V. UPDATE ON JOINT USE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARKS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

Carolyn Brown, Director, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, and Kathie Ebaugh, Director, Sarasota County Schools Planning Department, provided an update on joint use opportunities for parks and school facilities, history of working together, successful collaborations, successful interlocal agreements, opportunities to expand partnerships, updating the school/parks interlocal agreement, shared use facilities, expanding partnerships, timeline for new interlocal agreement, opportunities to share future investments, and improving park and school facilities.

Discussion ensued on potential for restrooms at shared areas, lack of city involvement in the discussions, new interlocal agreement not limiting facility selection, and there no longer being jurisdictional boundaries.

VI. HOMELESS STUDENTS

Lori White, Superintendent, Sarasota County Schools, spoke on homeless students, data collected, 867 homeless students reported in Sarasota County last year, services offered to these students, community partners, and the importance of supporting these students.

A request was made to initiate a project in north county similar to what is being done in North Port and south county.

VII. CITY OF VENICE

Lightning Detection System at Venice High School (VHS). Mr. Bramble noted the city's desire to collaborate on shared uses, including the possibility of using VHS's lightning detection system in conjunction with city sports parks. Scott Lempe, Deputy Superintendent, Sarasota Schools, offered to work with Venice officials to see what options exist, i.e. utilizing an app. Mayor Holic mentioned an example of the school using the city's street sweeper in their parking lots.

Mr. Lempe and Ms. Ebaugh explained the purpose of the interlocal agreement is designed for sports leagues and Sarasota County will add these parks and facilities to their inventory and be made available when requests are received for use of parks.

Partnerships. Mr. Bramble stated this item was discussed throughout today's meeting as the common theme.

VIII. NORTH PORT

50-meter pool. Mayor Yates stated the city is considering an aquatic center and asked for county and school board support.

School bus locations and associated lighting issues. Mayor Yates discussed the need for lighting at school bus locations for the safety of students. Mr. Lempe reviewed the school board's legal responsibility and suggested working together to standardize bus stops to allow the city to make infrastructure improvements at those locations, with the understanding the bus stops would not be moved. Mr. Lempe discussed available grants.

School resource officers in elementary schools. Mr. Lewis stated there is an unmet need at the elementary schools. Discussion followed on lack of funding, sharing of resource officers between high, middle and elementary schools, and uniformed officers bringing their children to school.

Traffic and street lighting needs at North Port High and Heron Creek Middle and piping of swales at Glenallen Elementary. Mr. Lewis noted the city's needs regarding these two topics.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

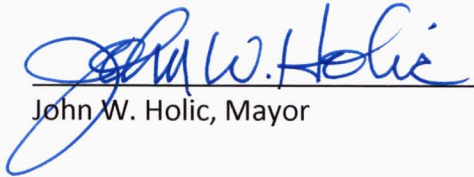
Chair Zucker recognized Ms. White for her years of dedicated service and noted next year's convocation will be held on January 19, 2018.

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one signed up to speak.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk