



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

1:00 PM

Venice Community Center

Joint Meeting with Sarasota County

CALL TO ORDER

Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Chair Nancy Detert called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT

City of Venice Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Members Jeanette Gates, Rich Cautero, Mitzie Fiedler, Fred Fraize, and Chuck Newsom, City Attorney Dave Persson, City Manager Ed Lavalley, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia; Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Chair Nancy Detert, Commissioners Alan Maio, Charles D. Hines, Paul Caraguilo, and Michael Moran, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis, Recording Secretary Blanca Rodriguez and Moana Pele.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moran.

I. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Detert noted the meeting purpose and Mayor Holic explained the format for audience participation.

18-3146

Update on Hurricane Irma Response and Recovery

Richard Collins, Director of Emergency Services, provided a presentation on Hurricane Irma and spoke on after action review process, areas of focus to include hurricane evacuation center planning, public education programs, employee planning and preparation, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) process and information sharing, and emergency contracts, current action being taken, and after action report/improvement plan to include mid to long term process.

Discussion followed regarding potential shelters to include the YMCA and Salvation Army, transportation and education plan, April deadline to have a plan and provide information to the public, hardened shelter on the island of Venice, the city's age demographic population, the Venice Community

Center's (VCC) building elevation and capacity, identifying businesses that are hurricane hardened, conducting business outreach, providing clarity to residents on evacuation zones, and manufactured home park communities.

18-3147**Update on City of Venice Land Request for Solid Waste and Recycling Relocation**

John Veneziano, City of Venice Public Works Director, provided a presentation on the city's solid waste facility needs and spoke regarding proposed site, 2013 preliminary needs assessment, and facility layout.

Discussion followed on proposed site, the county commission honoring the city's request by June, industrial park, and the Seaboard area.

18-3148**Venice Library Update**

Sarabeth Kalajian, Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources Director, spoke regarding the library's project schedule, building scope and scale, Venetian architecture, library name, Nokomis Avenue entrance, reading garden, number of library visitors, and community update meeting on May 1, 2018.

18-3149**Discussion of Options for Seaboard Area Redevelopment**

Mayor Holic commented on establishing a CRA (Community Redevelopment Area) in the Seaboard area and revitalizing the area.

Discussion followed regarding area changes, high ranking finding of necessity, CRA, redevelopment fund, proposed public works site, community reinvestment fund, and area developments.

18-3150**Update on Parks Interlocal Agreement**

Recess was taken from 2:13 p.m. until 2:18 p.m.

Commissioner Detert requested consensus to rescind the termination letter and proceed with a new interlocal agreement.

Commissioner Hines noted there were three votes to terminate, and this was based on a budgetary request. This was not meant to disrupt uses at the parks.

Commissioner Detert instructed staff to have this item brought up again on the next meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued on the intention not being to impact sports field activities and moving toward a positive resolution.

Mr. Lewis noted positive discussions with Mr. Lavallee on this subject.

Carolyn Brown, Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Director, provided a brief overview of the principles agreed to by the county administrator and city manager at their recent meeting and outlined responsibilities of each entity.

Ms. Brown reviewed the boundaries of Wellfield Park, parking needs, Pinebrook Park, lease vs. deed, upgrade in the future, and identifying capital repairs.

Discussion followed on responsibilities and ownership, boundary lines, legal descriptions required of property lines, urban forest on east side of Venetian Waterway Trail, croquet club, private contributions, gun range, survey of Wellfield, Friends of Pinebrook Park, need to get the agreement completed soon to alleviate sports field users' concerns, timelines and benchmarks, periodic reviews, methodology to track progress, no interruption of services to the public while the agreement is being worked on, capital improvement plan for Wellfield, city's need to review funding needed for takeover of certain parks, Chuck Reiter Park being considered a regional facility, Sarasota County's long-term plans for replacement of centrally located regional parks in the city, concern with this agreement possibly taking a year and a half, and 60-day time frame.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Stevens, president of Venice Little League, noted league boundaries, number and residency of players, neglected properties, not being kept up to the same standards as other parks in the county, budgetary restraints, and not being contacted by anyone as to the needs of the Little League.

Bob Lenz, Sarasota County Croquet Club, noted they support the county taking over Wellfield Park facilities and the reasons why.

Robert Moist, 999 Inlet Circle Road, member of the board for the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning (SILL), reported on SILL's conferences held and presentations made, and concern with transfer.

Frank Wright, 521 Harbor Drive South, noted his concern with the two elected bodies not working together, but has been encouraged after attending today's meeting.

John Minder, Minder and Associates Engineering Corporation, registered professional engineer, surveyor and mapper, agreed with Mr. Moran that the Office of Business and Economic Development be eliminated, requested Commissioners Hines and Maio resign, thanked Venice City

Council and the city staff for adding additional school resource officer and the city's promotion of affordable housing.

Mr. Moran stated he never requested dissolving the Economic Development Council (EDC).

Ron Doering, co-chair, board of Friends of Pinebrook Park, thanked city for designating Pinebrook Park as a preserve in the comprehensive plan, lime pit project, and noted concern with lack of maintenance noted in Ms. Brown's proposal for the preserve, no site or survey of designated Pinebrook Park has been provided, and is anxious to work with the city and county to protect this resource.

Dick Longo, Sawgrass Community Association Board of Directors and disaster recovery team, member of state's long-term care ombudsman program, noted his concern with transporting residents when shelters were full, working with business communities, and how many public buildings can be hardened.

Callie Cowan, 1401 East Gate Drive, Venice, represents young families, noted her appreciation of the two local government bodies working together and noted the importance of the fields to the young families, and asked them to keep it this way.

Michelle Accardi, 5106 Circled Oak Drive, Sarasota, thanked the participants for the work being done over the last month, noted the petition that was signed by 6200 individuals, and want to see continued collaboration, suggested pursuing public/private opportunities, and requested more community involvement.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

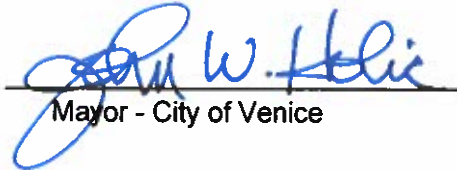
There was no other business.

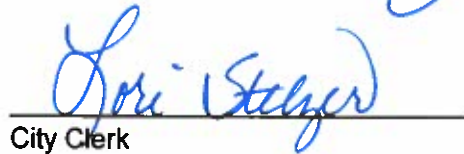
IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Detert stated a lot of work is needed and the goal is a successful conclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mayor - City of Venice


City Clerk