



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Wednesday, February 20, 2019

9:00 AM

Community Hall

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### Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Vice Mayor Richard Cautero, Council Member Charles Newsom, Council Member Margaret Fiedler and Council Member Helen Moore

#### ALSO PRESENT

City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Giddens, Administrative Battalion Chief Craig Runck, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Police Captain Eric Hill, Detective Sergeant Rob Goodson, Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Utilities Capital Improvement Program Manager John Banks, Finance Director Linda Senne, Controller Joe Welch, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Public Works Director James Clinch, Assistant Public Works Director Ricky Simpson, Fleet and Facilities Manager Travis Hout, Airport Director Mark Cervasio, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ricky Simpson.

#### I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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2020 Proposed Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Lavallee provided a brief introduction.

Ms. Senne commented on projects included in the budget for fiscal year (FY) 2020, general fund revenue projections, revenue generated by millage, and responded to council questions regarding revenue projections for the public safety facility.

Ms. Senne spoke to projects not fully funded, city hall campus, generator, impact fees, and responded to questions regarding building permit fees.

Mr. Shrum spoke to building fund and planning fees, hiring a consultant to review fee schedules, and tracking staff times.

Discussion followed on separating building and planning permit fee projects, budget to hire a consultant, building fund, initiating study on the department's operating costs, staffing shortage, surplus, third party inspections, planning department's process, lag time, and building reserve expenses.

Mr. Vargas responded to council questions on the fire hydrant replacement program to include maintenance, inspections, and replacement costs, funding of fire hydrant on Border Road and new developments, replacement of seasonal storage pond liner, disposal of liner, and Ajax property booster station completion date, water concurrency, and revenue sources from new development.

Discussion followed regarding utility project fact sheets, fire hydrant on Border Road, utility rate adjustment, and lift station generators.

Discussion took place on the diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) bulk storage system.

Mr. Hout spoke to the DEF fuel system, and responded to council questions regarding project priority.

Discussion ensued on fleet replacements, projecting future replacement costs, Sarasota County's system, and DEF tracking and containment.

Discussion took place on Wellfield Park site pavement and concrete, park expenditures, facilities condition assessment, capital expenses, parks inter-local agreement, budget projections and placeholders, capital appropriations in the general fund, city parks and recreation department, prioritizing maintenance on city owned parks, and expiration of the parks inter-local agreement to include Wellfield Park land usage and phase in costs from the county.

Mr. Clinch spoke to his meeting with the county's Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources director regarding the parks interlocal agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding parks acreage and level of service (LOS) in the comprehensive plan, determining the best use of the city's capital as it relates to parks, and John Nolen Greens project.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions on funding for mobi-mats.

Discussion ensued on funding mobi-mats with park impact fees, concern with maintenance and operation of mats, turtle season, county appropriating funds, and conducting a trial with the new mats at Service Club Beach and Venice Beach.

Discussion followed regarding funding for bike facilities improvement, bicycle traffic, Pinebrook Road, sharrows on Edmondson Road, concern with bicyclists safety, mobility fees, fact sheet, public outreach, partnering with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Tarpon Center Drive, and golf carts.

Recess was taken at 10:48 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Lavallee spoke to the new public safety facility project to include design and construction costs.

Detective Goodson spoke regarding project estimate, construction costs, architectural requirements, facade, design, meeting city requirements, and responded to council questions on funding shortage.

Tim Sewell, Construction Manager, Ajax/Tandem Construction, spoke to schematic drawings and project estimate.

Discussion ensued on project estimate, budget amendment, roof design, project delay, conceptual plan, one-cent sales tax, alternate revenue sources within the general fund, reallocating funds in the one-cent sales tax for the project, and reviewing other funding options.

Chief Carvey commented on funding for fire station no. 1 and city hall addition.

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding city hall's space study, city hall expansion, funding sources, and generator.

Discussion followed on city hall renovation and expansion costs, space study, building reserve fund to include loan balance, fire department apparatus, Lord-Higel house parking and restrooms, fire station roof, solar, electric charging stations, impact fees, bridge loan, estimated project costs, square footage costs, city hall's building structure, the Hamilton building, public works' land value and relocation, debt, solid waste and recycling stakeholder work group, separating solid waste and public works relocation projects, sale of the Hamilton building, Seaboard area, and

number of current projects.

Recess was taken at 12:37 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

Mr. Clinch responded to council questions on the road bond project.

Discussion followed on project budget and timeframe, change orders, phase two of the downtown paving project, and gateway improvements.

Mr. Cervasio spoke on design and rejuvenating Runway 5-23 and extending parallel Taxiway E projects, and responded to council questions regarding prior hotel proposal at the Circus Property, design and construction of t-hangars for Midfield #2, airport revenue versus expenses, property taxes going to the airport revenue, funding of projects, leasing of the Circus Property, Runway 5-23, traffic counts, and complaints.

Mr. Shrum spoke on traffic counts and impact on roadways, five year capital improvement schedule (CIS), comprehensive plan, projected roadway situation for 2030, traffic studies, reviewing approved development projects and modeling for future growth, MPO and FDOT projects, proposed development in northeast Venice, communication with a consultant on project scope, and responded to council questions regarding Laurel Road traffic and LOS.

Mr. Shrum noted the number of new certificate of occupancies and permits issued for 2018.

Discussion continued regarding modeling project to include timeline, anticipated traffic growth in northeast Venice, CIS, prioritizing city road projects, hauler truck traffic, ability to add a weight limit between Center Road and US 41, requesting the county's and FDOT's traffic engineer to present the county's long range transportation plan to council, adopted roadway LOS standards, joint planning area (JPA), Knights Trail, process and timeline to add road projects to the county's project list, Laurel Road, and impact fees.

Ms. Weeden spoke to priority projects recommended by staff, budget timeframe for county impact fees, and responded to council questions regarding the Pinebrook Road and Edmondson Road intersection plan and adding Laurel Road to MPO's long range transportation plan.

Discussion followed on the CIS and the county's project list.

Mr. Clinch spoke to projects, public feedback, park master plan draft, staff input, and vetting projects with the county.

Discussion followed regarding Hecksher Park pickleball courts, park impact fees, parks inter-local agreement, parks master plan, residents request for a passive park in northeast Venice, planning how impact fees will be spent, enhancing city owned parks, defining capacity, Ajax property, Venezia Park and Legacy Park dog park projects, ADA walkway and safety lights at Venezia Park, increasing capacity usage, Venice Police Department marine trailer, Lord-Higel house exhibits, the term "spending", pickleball courts, and playground equipment at Venezia Park.

Mayor Holic left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding including shade structures on playgrounds.

Mayor Holic returned to the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Discussion ensued on redirecting funding from pickleball courts and the Legacy Park dog park into Venezia Park, and adding a placeholder in the budget for a park in northeast Venice.

Ms. Weeden commented on a feasibility plan for Venezia Park and the Legacy Park dog park.

Discussion continued on Legacy Park dog park, Myakka Park, allocating money to research options for a park in northeast Venice, amenities within gated communities, trees at Venezia Park, walking access to parks, Legacy Park, project costs for pickleball courts and dog parks, and Venezia Park.

**There was consensus to proceed with Venezia Park improvements.**

**There was consensus to include a \$100,000 placeholder in the budget for FY21, FY22, and FY23 to investigate a park in northeast Venice.**

**There was consensus to include a placeholder in the budget for FY21 for the Legacy Park dog park project.**

Discussion continued regarding maintenance of dog parks.

Mr. St. Luce commented on Fibernet remediation, camera budget, installation of cameras at the Jetty, Triangle Inn security system, and closed caption meeting equipment.

Discussion took place regarding security camera at the pier, security cameras downtown, stormwater and solid waste projects, fleet fund, one-cent sales tax projects, tractor and beach rake, decorative streetlights, bridge loans, perception of new city vehicles, electric vehicles, vehicle

replacements, reducing carbon footprint, and Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) building security cameras.

## II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kim Eudy, 920 Cooper Street, requested council allocate funding for lighting at Dr. Fred Albee Park.

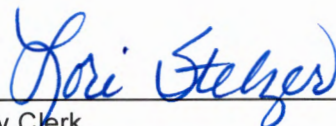
Discussion followed regarding park impact fees, additional lighting and crosswalks, and mobi-mats.

## III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Vice Mayor - City of Venice

  
City Clerk