



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Citizens Tax Oversight Committee

Monday, March 15, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers and Virtual

[21-4918](#)

Instructions on How to Watch and/or Participate in the Meeting

I. Call To Order

Ms. Keeler called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Judith Keeler, Kirk Wilkenson, Deborah Kelly and Richard Clapp

Absent: 1 - Richard Francis

Also Present

Finance Director Linda Senne, Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis,
Administrative Coordinator Mercedes Barcia and Information Technology
Director Christophe St. Luce.

In person: Ms. Keeler, Mr. Clapp and Mr. Wilkenson

Via video conference: Ms. Kelly

III. Approval of Minutes

[20-4448](#)

Minutes of the March 8, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkenson, seconded by Mr. Clapp, that the Minutes of the March 8, 2019 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

There was none.

V. New Business

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Welcome New Board Members Deborah Kelly, Kirk Wilkenson and Richard Clapp

Ms. Keeler welcomed new board members Richard Clapp, Kirk Wilkenson and Deborah Kelly.

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Infrastructure Surtax-Proposed Projects/Revenues and Expenses

Ms. Senne spoke regarding one-cent sales tax revenues, grant for the city hall generator, Hamilton building purchase, city hall renovations and Fire Station No. 1 financing, projected FY21 fund balance, and responded to board questions regarding project delays and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant.

Ms. Senne reviewed one-cent sales tax expenditures to include Venice Avenue bridge coating, north pier parking lot, Triangle Inn maintenance, Venice Community Center (VCC) and Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) building maintenance, parks projects and improvements, machinery and equipment, fishing pier, police vehicles, capital improvements to Fire Stations Nos. 2 and 3, information technology fiber optics/cameras, transfers to beach renourishment fund, and per the board's request, explained the meaning of beach renourishment.

Ms. Senne commented on state revenue, utility, solid waste, stormwater, airport and general funds, referendum expiring December 2024, working with Sarasota County on November 2022 referendum, determining projects for the one-cent sales tax fund, obtaining residents input on projects, and responded to board questions on big project expenses prior to the 2024 referendum.

Ms. Senne noted the capital improvement project (CIP) list is included in the quarterly financial update to city council.

Discussion followed regarding staff's Government Finance Officers Association (GOFA) recognition.

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Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Clapp volunteered to serve as chair and Mr. Wilkenson volunteered to serve as vice chair.

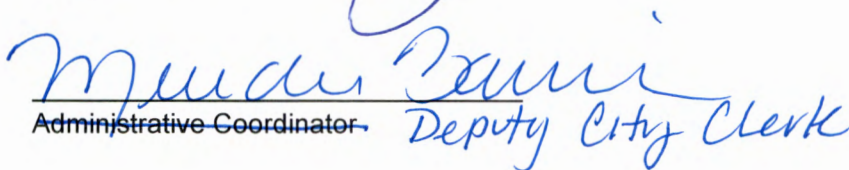
There was consensus for Mr. Clapp to serve as chair and Mr. Wilkenson to serve as vice chair.

Ms. Kelly advised she will be participating in the March 22, 2021 Auditor Selection Committee.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



Chair

~~Administrative Coordinator~~

Deputy City Clerk