



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

5:01 PM

Council Chambers

Budget Public Hearing

[21-5204](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Vice Mayor Richard Cautero, Council Member Helen Moore, Council Member Nick Pachota, Dr. Joseph Neunder, Council Member Brian Kelly and Dr. Margaret Fiedler

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce, and Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone.

In-person: Mr. Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Dr. Neunder, Ms. Moore, and Mayor Feinsod

Via-video conference: Mr. Cautero and Mr. Kelly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Feinsod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2021-31](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Adopting the Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Venice for Fiscal Year 2022; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer stated the current millage, which is 4.3600 mills, is the millage that was set last year, on which the last ad valorem taxes were calculated. The rolled-back millage is the rate required to collect the same amount of money as last year with this year's valuation, which is 4.1240 mills. The

tentative operating millage is 4.3600 mills, which was set by Council in July, sent out in the TRIM notices from the Property Appraiser's office and represents an amount 5.72% greater than the rolled back rate. The voted debt service millage is .5570 mills.

Mr. Lavallee spoke to millage rate, capital projects, and budget.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer advised there were no written communications.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Pachota, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Ordinance No. 2021-31 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Fiedler

**ORD. NO.
2021-32**

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022; Providing that Disbursements Shall Not Exceed Fund Budgets Without City Council Approval, and Granting the Authority to the City Manager to Make Certain Departmental Transfers Within the Approved Fund Budgets

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Cautero spoke regarding financial conditions and complimented the staff on general fund reserve.

A motion was made by Council Member Pachota, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, that Ordinance No. 2021-32 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Fiedler

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk