



City of Venice

401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
www.venicegov.com

Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

Interview for City Clerk Candidate

[21-5210](#)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 3:31 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 Lavalley, Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce, Human Resources Director Alan Bullock, and Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. INTERVIEW AND SELECTION

Mr. Bullock provided an introduction of the candidacy process and noted two candidates have withdrawn.

[21-5212](#)

Kelly Michaels

The council utilized the prepared questions to ask Ms. Michaels the interview questions.

Ms. Michaels responded to the council members questions about job qualifications and experience.

The mayor left the dais from 4:18 p.m. and returned at 4:20 p.m.

Mr. Bullock inquired as to the council's thoughts on the candidate.

Council inquired as to what Ms. Stelzer's input was and she noted that Ms. Michaels had done research on Venice, had appropriate credentials and temperament.

Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Michael's qualifications, responses, skills, competency, enthusiasm, and concern over lack of candidates for comparison.

Discussion followed that not having more applicants to consider could be mitigated by Lori's opinion, and asked Ms. Stelzer again if she was comfortable with this candidate and she acknowledged that she was.

A motion was made by Mr. Pachota, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to select Kelly Michaels as city clerk and direct staff to negotiate an employment contract for approval at the next available city council meeting, after completion of pre-employment requirements and provisional agreement on contract terms.

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

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

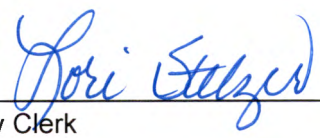
III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mayor - City of Venice



City Clerk