



Dear Candidate for Venice City Council:

The Venice City Council is composed of six council members and a mayor. The seven-member City Council are elected at large for staggered three-year terms with a limit of three terms.

The Council is vested with all legislative powers and its members are the community's decision makers. Council meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 9:00 am., to hold public hearings and make policy decisions regarding municipal business and services. The Venice City Council promotes open access to and participation in City government processes, ensuring a quality community with a safe and attractive environment.

In addition to regular Council meetings, there are budget workshops during June and two public hearings for review of the annual budget in September.

Also be aware that Council members are assigned to serve as liaison to one or more advisory boards with no voting power. City advisory boards usually meet once or twice per month. Council members serve on various county and regional boards, including, but not limited to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Tourist Development Council, Manasota League of Cities, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Economic Development Corporation.

Compensation for the Mayor and Council is contained in Section 2-31 of the Venice Code of Ordinances. Currently, the annual salary for the Mayor is \$22,308.20 and for each Council member it is \$21,108.20. The City also provides enrollment in the state retirement system as well as other optional benefits.

The City Clerk's office is always available for questions and assistance. Let me know if you would like a budget book for the coming year. If you would like to meet with any other department directors, please make those arrangements through the city manager's office.

Please be sure to check out all of the resources and information on the City's Elections pages to help prepare you for the election and, if successful, your role in public office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Michaels".

Kelly Michaels, MMC
Venice City Clerk