**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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**TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL**
**SPECIAL MEETING**
**May 8, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**
Members present were: Mayor De La Vega, Councilmembers Anderson, Ansari, Clapp and Grothe. Also present were City Administrator Kohlmann and City Attorney Penberthy.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Anderson moved to approve the meeting agenda. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

For the benefit of those in attendance, De La Vega explained that there is an agenda for the meeting this evening. Council will consider the agenda items and time will be allowed for comments, if necessary.

4. **NO FISHING ON WEST POINT ROAD**
Kohlmann stated staff has received a number of communications about the fishing issue along West Point Road. He noted the DNR has removed spawning signs which has resulted in increased fishing in the area. He discussed the intent to adopt a resolution tonight prohibiting fishing. He reviewed a sample sign and indicated where signs would be located.

De La Vega stated the Council and staff were quite surprised when the spawning signs were removed this year. Solutions were studied for the short and long term. He noted there is an ordinance on the books which allows us to restrict fishing on City streets. He stated there is still concern that there may be fishing along County Road 19 which is beyond our jurisdiction. He stated in the short term, signs can be installed quickly which will, hopefully, resolve the issue.

**Anderson moved to adopt:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-10**
**A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING FISHING**
**ALONG WEST POINT ROAD AND ORDERING THE**
**PLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE**

**Clapp seconded the motion.**

Grothe was concerned about the parking shifting to other streets in the City. He

suggested no fishing signs be installed along Interlachen Lane as well. De La Vega suggested we take care of this situation tonight and focus on other streets as the need arises.

**Bruce Meyer, 75 Fairhope Avenue** stated people are fishing and parking on his property. He asked what could be done. De La Vega stated the police can take care of that.

**Jay Piersol, 70 West Point Avenue** stated the key is to keep the focus on the safety and not the fishing. He stated it ties to parking. He stated the people are fishing are feeding their families and are not sports fishermen. The people who are driving along County Road 19 will now be in jeopardy. He stated this is a stop gap measure. He believed parking should be limited during spawning times.

**Jeff Wingfield, 205 West Point Road** stated we don't want to stop families from fishing. There are more areas where fishing is allowed safely. He stated it isn't just the parked cars. The area is a mess.

**Jim Krenik, 60 West Point Road** stated this was a spawning ground for many years. He was concerned about what could be done to bring this back to a spawning area. He called the DNR to weigh in. He stated the DNR indicated they don't take the fish out anymore like they used to. He was concerned about the environment and the future fishing. He stated we need to develop this as a spawning area.

**David Wheaton, 4430 Manitou Road** stated this was a shock to him that one person at the DNR could make a decision that would impact us all. He asked if the City is prepared to look into how this decision was made and whether an Environmental Impact Statement was prepared. He wanted the area to go back to some sort of environmental protective status. He stated that for those who live along County Road 19, this is a bigger safety and security issue. The residents asked for a commitment from the City to take this into consideration.

**Jane Zambreno, 120 West Point Circle** was concerned about a resident at the corner of West Point Road and County Road 19 who is having a large party. She asked that a call to the police would allow them to park on West Point Road.

De La Vega stated Jan Callison was invited to tonight's meeting and was unable to attend due to the short notice. He discussed a number of organizations that would be solicited for help.

**Russ, 20 West Point Place** discussed his concerns about tree and brush removal along West Point Road which has resulted in the destruction of the subculture of the area. He was also concerned about what was being caught. De La Vega stated the DNR has been enforcing the fishing in the area.

A member of the audience discussed his concerns about fishing along the County road. De La Vega stated the City has no authority over the County road.

In response to a question from the audience, De La Vega discussed the safety issues. He stated an administrative process could be developed to occasionally allow parking. He stated restoring the shoreline is important as well. He stated there are many things that can be done, and we are proposing to resolve this issue.

Clapp asked if the motion needs to be amended to allow signage on other streets. Penberthy stated we can't allow that without evidence.

**Ayes – De La Vega, Ansari, Anderson, Clapp and Grothe. Motion carried.**

## 5. NO PARKING ON WEST POINT ROAD

Kohlmann stated we have also received a number of communications regarding parking on West Point Road. He noted photos show the street is not conducive to parking on both sides of the street. A resolution is provided to prohibit parking on West Point Road as shown on attachment to the resolution. There will be nine signs on either side of the road.

Grothe discussed his concerns about the signage.

De La Vega was concerned about having no fishing and no parking on top of each other. Kohlmann reviewed locations. De La Vega asked if posts could be shared. Kohlmann stated the engineering rule of thumb is 150' apart.

Members of the audience and the City Council discussed the signage size, wording, and proposed locations.

Wheaton asked where people can still park. De La Vega stated at this point in time there are no parking restrictions on the other streets. Wheaton asked why the no parking isn't extended down the road further. Penberthy restated there is need for proof of a problem.

**Charles Rosenberger, 4420 Manitou Road** stated he uses West Point Road for overflow parking. He requested parking be allowed after spawning season. De La Vega stated he foresees some kind of flyer staff can provide for those who want to park.

**Anderson moved to adopt:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-11**
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF**
**"NO PARKING" SIGNAGE ON WEST POINT ROAD**

**Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes – De La Vega, Ansari, Anderson, Clapp and Grothe. Motion carried.**

De La Vega stated signs would be installed on Friday, May 9.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Clerk