

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Tonka Bay City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor De La Vega, Councilmembers Anderson, Ansari, Clapp and Grothe. Also present were City Administrator Crawford and City Attorney Penberthy.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving:

A. Regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2015 as amended: Page 3 of 6, Item B, Deer Feeding, remove sentence “that is the kind of opposition the City will be facing”; Page 6 of 6, Adjournment, add second to motion and ending time.

B. Summer Hours

Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

C. Mediacom Letter

Penberthy stated this is a irrevocable letter of credit that Mediacom is required to provide to the City for the extension of the Mediacom permit. The letter of credit is a security requirement. He stated the bank will be writing the check rather than Mediacom, and the bank is following through as noted in the letter.

Grothe asked if we would receive this on an annual basis. Penberthy stated it is a one-time deal. Grothe asked if the update is on an annual basis. Penberthy stated it is a multi-year provision.

Anderson moved to accept the Mediacom letter. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. **Senator Osmek**

Osmek updated the City Council on recent Legislative activities. He stated it was a very interesting session. He stated there is a different dynamic happening now because the House and Senate are occupied by a majority of different political parties. He stated there is a new transportation bill that creates a Small Cities Fund for cities with populations of 5,000 or less to help with streets. He stated more information will be provided relatively soon. He discussed his various committee assignments. He also discussed the passing of Colton's Law which relates to home monitoring of individuals. He stated bonding of improvements to the Excelsior Commons will be his next priority. He urged the Council to contact him with any questions or concerns.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Speed Trailer Update**

Crawford reviewed the results of the speed trailer placement on Birch Bluff Road in May and Pleasant Avenue in May/June. She asked for direction where to go from this point forward.

Anderson asked if the trailer picks up bicycle traffic. Crawford stated she was unsure but could ask.

De La Vega stated he would like to have the actual numbers provided so he could calculate actual percentages. He stated it looks similar to information provided previously with rush hour spikes.

Phil Roe, 85 Birch Bluff Road noted on west bound Birch Bluff Road that there was a construction truck parked in front of the trailer. On the west bound Pleasant Avenue, it was two blocks from County Road 19. The speeds would be minimal at that location. He stated Pleasant Avenue appears to have a bigger problem than Birch Bluff Road does. He believed the traffic over 30 miles per hour is roughly ten percent. He concluded that

nothing needs to be done that would be precipitous. It would be worthy to have more of a police presence rather than speed bumps. He thanked the City for their efforts.

Clapp asked if any of the neighbors have been contacted. Roe stated he

didn't talk to any of them. He stated a lot of them back out of their driveways and are concerned about traffic in that situation. He stated it appears to him that speeds are going down.

Marge Johnson, 245 Birch Bluff Road stated there is a lot going down in that area in May which explains the traffic.

De La Vega stated this is indicative of what the situation is – there is the occasional speeder. We were looking at speed bumps or closing the road. He asked the Council for their input on the options.

Clapp stated he would like to see something done.

De La Vega stated one thought was to have some police presence there. It might be effective. He stated he is at the point where he is not adamant about a physical change to the street.

Roe asked if we could then look back at this in a year after we have used the police presence. De La Vega stated that would be an acceptable approach and indicated we could also do another speed trailer study in the fall and periodically have the police presence.

Ansari stated she is also interested in another study in the fall or perhaps a stronger police presence.

Grothe favored having a stronger police presence in that area which would change attitudes and possibly result in drivers choosing a different route.

De La Vega suggested dates be booked now for the fall.

B. City Hall Fence

Crawford stated staff was directed to find out what Excelsior they did for their Public Works fence. Staff estimates materials should cost less than \$1,000 for 95' of fence and install it ourselves or have help from an Eagle Scout.

Clapp stated the fence is only five foot now and should be extended another foot to six foot to block views. Grothe agreed the six foot height is a better idea.

Roe stated the fence in Excelsior is not good looking. He encouraged the City Council to have the job done right. Clapp agreed it does not look good.

De La Vega stated this proposal is for our Public Works staff to install the fence. Clapp stated Eagle Scout help was mentioned. Crawford stated we are looking into that as an option to give back to the community and help save Public Works maintenance time.

De La Vega stated he would like to see a view of what it will look like for the section along the County Road and the side closest to City Hall.

Clapp asked for pricing on regular fencing.

Ansari asked if any landscaping or drainage material would be needed. It was noted it would not. Grothe discussed options for possible landscaping instead of redoing the fence. Penberthy suggested looking at the arborvitae along the chain link fence near the water tower.

De La Vega stated new prices and options should be brought back to the next meeting.

C. Monument Signs

Crawford stated staff would like to move forward with the monument sign project originally proposed in 2012. This project could be a jump start for a complete cityscape and signage program for all the parks. She gave a history of the project.

Crawford proposed the City Hall monument sign also be redone at the same time the two entrance monuments are installed. She reviewed the next steps – find locations and approve sign style. She discussed funding.

De La Vega stated this project would require some feel from the community before there is a final decision. The process is as important as the result. We could decide and push it forward or take the time to involve people who might have some interest in this. Clapp asked if there would be input on the decision or the location. De La Vega stated there aren't a lot of locations

where the signs could be located. Possible locations near the Tonka Village shopping center were discussed.

Grothe asked if there are any plans from when the intersection was done. This information would include easements, and right-of-ways and other pertinent information.

Council members discussed community involvement. Clapp stated he wouldn't be ready to pick a design until he knows where it will be placed. Grothe discussed the need for cohesiveness in designs, and he would like to see the north and south entrance monuments be the same design. Clapp didn't see the need for a committee for this project.

Council members discussed permit requirements and locations for a sign at the shopping center.

Crawford stated it is important to let people know that Tonka Village Shopping Center is in Tonka Bay. Anderson suggested a Tonka Bay population sign be installed similar to what other cities have.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **2016 Budget Timeline**

De La Vega stated he could not attend the proposed August 13 meeting and proposed to move the meeting to August 11. Grothe stated typically it works to have it one hour before the City Council meeting.

Anderson moved to set the budget work session meetings at August 11, August 25, September 8 (if needed) and November 10 at 6 p.m. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

B. **Trespass Notice**

Crawford stated the SLMPD has had a few incidents in the Excelsior Commons area to make them think more about how to handle trespassers. Detective O'Keefe has proposed a couple options for all the cities for their feedback. She indicated Excelsior and Deephaven did not support this proposal for constitutional reasons.

Penberthy stated we could be faced with due process and free speech issues. He stated it may impair the right to free assembly. He recommended that it not be pursued.

Council concurred with Penberthy's recommendation.

10. **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

11. **REPORTS**

A. **Administrator** – Crawford stated the Workshop on the Water is on

Thursday, July 23 which is an opportunity to learn about clean water. De La Vega stated it is worth going to for those who have not attended. She indicated an LRT workshop will be Tuesday, July 28 to review the crossing gap study and finalize the preferred concept design. The Three Rivers Park District will be attending our August 25 meeting. She stated she would like input on how they envision themselves using the Comp Plan. She asked the Council to share their ideas as soon as possible. She stated we should start our community visioning and engagement process this fall for the Comprehensive Plan update. She stated we would work with our Planner as well on the revisions. Ansari asked if there would be costs involved. Crawford stated there are costs involved. The level of engagement would determine the cost.

De La Vega stated it would be a good idea for everyone to read the Comprehensive Plan as a starting point. Council members discussed low income housing and whether some existing homes may qualify.

- B. **Anderson - Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology** – no report
- C. **Ansari – EFD, Sanitation and Recycling, Southshore Community Center** – Ansari stated two park inventories were found which will be merged prior to her and Clapp visiting the parks with Administrator Crawford.
- D. **Grothe – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds, LMCC** – no report
- E. **Clapp - Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks** – no report
- F. **Attorney's Report** – no report
- G. **De La Vega - Public Works, SLMPD, Administration** – De La Vega stated the proposed 2016 SLMPD budget has been reviewed and will be looked at again on July 29. He stated he would also like the City Council to decide whether they want to regulate deer feeding or not. He would like to see it on the next agenda.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk