

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
September 8, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The budget meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

De La Vega presented the revised proposed 2016 budget and introduced an alternative option. The alternative option consisted of transferring \$25,000 to the CIP from the General Fund Reserves rather than \$45,000.

De La Vega stated this option means the City doesn't have to levy as much, but there would still be a need to levy. The alternative option would levy for the EFD and SLMPD increase as well as the public works salary and benefits increase.

De La Vega also proposed transferring \$4,500 from the General Fund Reserves into the general fund to offset the decrease in the Liquor Fund interest earned.

Ansari asked if this option would help the overall increases for the future. De La Vega stated he would like to do a review session of the CIP with staff after this budget cycle is complete to move forward in the future. This would help to refine projects and ensure we have all of the correct funding available in the correct areas.

Anderson arrived at 6:20 p.m.

De La Vega stated the alternative option is a 1.64% increase, lower than the inflation rate. He stated that this increase gets some of the projects underway that need to get done.

De La Vega stated that if there is going to be a large increase in the coming years there would have to be strong justification for the increases. Ansari agreed.

Anderson stated for the past five years there has been a 0% levy increase. Ansari stated she thinks residents are starting to see that there may have been a shift in

services offered by the City due to the 0% increase.

De La Vega made a motion to increase the levy by \$17,186, or 1.64% Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Ansari asked if there is any benefit of increasing the General Fund Reserve transfer by a small amount to prepare for next year. De La Vega stated he does not want to increase the levy if there aren't specific priorities for the funding just yet. Grothe agreed.

De La Vega made a motion to transfer \$29,500 from the General Fund Reserves. Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Grothe to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk