

# CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

## MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 28, 2012

### 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 LaBelle, Councilmembers Marceau, De La Vega, and Anderson. Councilmember Holscher was absent. Also present were City Administrator Kohlmann and City Attorney Penberthy.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**De La Vega moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

**Marceau moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving the regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2012 as amended: Page 3, Administrator's Report – primarily interested in residents; and Accounts Payable. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

### 5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

### 6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### 8. OLD BUSINESS

None

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Allied Waste Contract** – Kohlmann stated staff was directed to work with Allied Waste on 5-year contract proposals. He stated the 5-year contract is much more appealing and recommended yard waste be an option. He opened the contract up for

discussion. Anderson asked if the cost per bag would be reflected if yard waste goes in a recycling cart designated for yard waste. Hirstein stated a cart can be provided with a different cart for yard waste which would be included in the yard waste charge. Marceau suggested yard waste collection be only during certain months or possibly every other week. Anderson stated he fills thirty bags with leaves every year. LaBelle stated those who utilize the yard waste collection will want it year round. He was concerned about problems with the administration of the program if it is an optional feature. He also supported the 5-year contract. He stated he would prefer the current yard waste program. Hirstein discussed the problems associated with policing the yard waste program. He noted the yard waste charge is the lowest in the metro area. De La Vega discussed education that would be needed if yard waste is eliminated or fees are charged only to users. Marceau asked what would happen if yard waste would be every other week. Hirstein stated we lose money on it at the current rate. He stated about sixty percent of the residents in Tonka Bay use the yard waste service. LaBelle was also concerned about yard waste ending up in the garbage if yard waste collection were terminated. De La Vega stated if the system is changed, those who use the yard waste service will not be happy with the added costs. **De La Vega moved to approve the 5-year plan as proposed with the beginning rate of \$15.20 and including yard waste and allow the City Administrator and Mayor to execute the new contract. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

**B. Linder's Temporary-Seasonal Sales Permit** – Kohlmann reviewed the request from Linder's Greenhouse for their annual temporary-seasonal outdoor sales permit. It is held at Tonka Village from April 9 through July 9, 2012. The property owner allows additional time for setup and teardown which Councilmembers discussed. De La Vega asked if a sign permit is required. Kohlmann stated they have not applied for a sign permit in the past as part of this application. **Marceau moved to approve the 2012 temporary-seasonal sales permit at Tonka Village Shopping Center for Linder's Greenhouse from April 9 through July 9, 2012. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

**C. Sign Permit Request – Sanctuary SalonSpa** – Kohlmann reviewed the request for a sign permit at Sanctuary SalonSpa located within the Tonka Village Shopping Center. He noted information has been provided detailing the signage for all the tenants at the Center. Staff recommended approval of the sign permit application. In response to comments from De La Vega, Kohlmann discussed the approvals granted in 2003 for signage at the shopping center. **Marceau moved to approve the sign permit request for a building sign for Sanctuary SalonSpa. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

**D. Adopt Resolution to Re-establish Precinct and Polling Place** – Kohlmann stated every ten years, boundaries are realigned for legislative districts. No changes are proposed in Tonka Bay, and a resolution must be adopted to re-establish the precinct and polling place. **Marceau moved to adopt:**

**RESOLUTION 12-05  
A RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE**

**De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes – LaBelle, Marceau, De La Vega and Anderson. Motion carried.**

**E. WSB & Associates, Inc. Contract** – Kohlmann reviewed the new contract for planning and engineering services with WSB. He noted it has been reviewed by the appropriate parties, and staff is recommending approval. De La Vega asked if this is a one-year agreement. Kohlmann stated that it is a one-year contract. Council discussed the term of the agreement and renewal for a longer term in the future. **De La Vega moved to approve the agreement between WSB and the City of Tonka Bay and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute same. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

**F. Investments** – Kohlmann discussed options to look into investment opportunities that other cities use. He stated the auditor believes a majority of the checking and savings balances must be reinvested due to current economic conditions. Marceau stated he and Kohlmann have been reviewing options for the last six months. Quite a few other cities are using the approach outlined in the memo. The intent is to get a “pool” and send out RFPs for investments. Staff was directed to continue with investigations into investment opportunities. De La Vega agreed with the auditor’s recommendation. He also suggested that some obligations towards payments into the future, such as the Excelsior Fire District note, could be paid early in order to save interest. Kohlmann stated the auditor suggested when we invest the funds, the interest could go back into the general fund.

**10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**11. REPORTS**

**A. Administrator** – no report

**B. Holscher – Buildings, Building Inspections, Fire Lanes** – no report

**C. Anderson - Animal Control, LMCC, Technology, Southshore Center** – no report

- D. **De La Vega – EFD, Parks, Sanitation, LMCD** – no report
- E. **Marceau – Finance, Marinas, Municipal Docks** – no report
- F. **Attorney's Report** – no report
- G. **LaBelle - Public Works and SLMPD** – no report

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Marceau to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Clerk