

CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 14, 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, City Attorney Penberthy, and Public Works Superintendent Kluver.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marceau moved to approve the agenda as amended: Remove Item 9B, Kennedy & Graven. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

De La Vega moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving the regular meeting minutes of. Marceau 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 reviewed the proposed contract as submitted by Allied Waste. Rich Hirstein from Allied Waste was present to discuss the contract extension. He noted an increase of less than one percent is proposed. He discussed program enhancements which are done at no additional cost to the residents.

LaBelle stated it has been a great relationship to date. He recommended that De La Vega and staff come back to a future meeting with a specific recommendation for the City Council. Hirstein stated the proposed price is the best one available in the market place. He stated information has been provided on rates in surrounding communities. De La Vega asked for clarification of the correct rate Hennepin County charges as it is shown as two different amounts on different charts. Hirstein offered an explanation. De La Vega asked if yard waste can be changed to a "per use" system. Hirstein stated it is a possibility. LaBelle asked what would happen to the Christmas tree collection. Hirstein stated it is part of the garbage collection. De La Vega stated it would be part of the recommendation. Hirstein stated there is also an option to have this be a five-year contract.

B. Kennedy & Graven – this item was removed from the agenda.

C. Echo Bay Townhomes – Bill Dispute – Kohlmann stated staff received an e-mail from the manager of the Echo Bay Townhomes association who is requesting resolution of his bill dispute request. Other cities meter policies were reviewed following the last meeting. Staff is looking for a recommendation from the City Council. Marceau stated he didn't think the billing should be changed for them. He didn't think the Association members should have to pay the penalties, but the Association should. LaBelle stated the City won't be getting involved in that. De La Vega stated there is a reason all the cities are doing it the same way. Even the Association admits they don't want individual control. He stated conservation rates should be maintained. He was not in favor of splitting up the bill for payment. Anderson and LaBelle concurred with De La Vega's comments. **Anderson moved to not change the billing fee process and to not waive the \$540 late fee for Echo Bay townhomes. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

D. Televising – Kluver reviewed this year's televising process and reviewed the three quotes. The low quote was received from Infratech. Work would begin in April or May this year. LaBelle asked if there are any grants available for I & I. Kohlmann stated the grant program WSB & Associates mentioned ended in 2011. **De La Vega moved to approve the low quote from Infratech in the amount of \$2370 and authorize the Public Works Superintendent to enter into the agreement. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

E. Lift Station No. 10 – Kluver reviewed the planned replacement of the control panel in Lift Station No. 10 and reviewed quotes received. He noted the low quote was from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$22,460. The low quote from the electrician was from A-1 Electric in the amount of \$2,095. He recommended both low quotes be approved. He gave a background on the history of all the pump replacements throughout the city. **Anderson moved to approve the low quotes from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$22,460 and A-1 Electric in the amount of \$2,095 and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into the contract. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

F. Temporary Sign Permit Request – Sanctuary SalonSpa, 5615 Manitou Road – Kohlmann reviewed the temporary sign permit request for Sanctuary SalonSpa noting it would be removed on February 17. **De La Vega moved to approve the temporary sign request for Sanctuary SalonSpa. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

G. Antenna Lease Marketing – Kohlmann reviewed lease agreements near the water tower. He noted we have the right to install more antennas. We have three options to expand the leases. He asked for direction from the City Council of what the City should do to market their antenna cell site. De La Vega asked what kind of rate third-party companies pay to take over the leases. Kohlmann stated they would buy out the leases for an unspecified amount unless quotes are obtained. The advantage is they take on any burden of the leases cancelling. They would promote the site to carriers to get more leases and then negotiate with the City to share the funds. Councilmembers discussed options and the history of our current antenna site. De La Vega stated he would like to understand their business model better. LaBelle suggested someone attend a future meeting. De La Vega stated he would consider working with a third-party if the business model makes sense. Staff will report back on information gathered on the third-party model.

H. WeCan Annual Letter of Support – Kohlmann reviewed a request for a letter written on behalf of the City Council to support their request for CDBG funding. A letter has been provided as well as some basic information. **De La Vega moved to authorize the City Administrator to send the letter. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.**

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

11. REPORTS

A. Administrator – Kohlmann stated the waiting list has been exhausted, and we may be looking to install the sign advertising the rentals. De La Vega noted we will only be interested in residents. LaBelle asked how non-residents would be handled. Kohlmann stated they would be put on a list until the Council determines they can rent the space. Penberthy noted the one-year limit for non-residents is a part of the application. LaBelle stated the sign should be installed, and the one-year limit should be verified that it is a part of the application. Penberthy asked if low water levels should be discussed at some point. LaBelle stated this may be the year.

B. Holscher – Buildings, Building Inspections, Fire Lanes - absent

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

D. De La Vega – EFD, Parks, Sanitation, LMCD – De La Vega stated the EFD met a couple weeks ago. The Shorewood councilperson is now the chair for 2012.

- 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 7:55 p.m. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk