

CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSESSION August 15, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor LaBelle, Councilmembers Marceau, De La Vega, Anderson and Holscher. Also present were City Administrator Kohlmann, City Attorney Penberthy, and Public Works Superintendent Kluver.

3. 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Kohlmann reviewed the proposed 2013 budget which reflects a zero percent increase. He stated a COLA increase of one percent is proposed for non-union staff members. Kohlmann reviewed the budget as proposed. He noted there will be a decrease in computer services. He stated no changes are proposed for legal, engineering and planning services. He noted there are increases proposed for health and dental insurances. He noted the SLMPD payment will increase and the EFD payment will decrease in 2013. He noted there is a 1.5% increase proposed for the union members in Public Works. Kohlmann discussed public works expenses and noted 2012 is the final year for sign replacement. He noted there is a decrease in the park budget because a long time employee is no longer with the City. He stated there is a slight increase in the LMCD budget. Kohlmann reviewed proposed revenues. He noted general property taxes will be decreasing. He discussed increases in ROW permits, court fines, and miscellaneous revenue (which included a Worker's Comp dividend). Councilmembers discussed revenue associated with investments. Kohlmann discussed the future of the antenna leases. The Council moved on to discuss the CIP. Kohlmann reviewed what was approved going into 2012. He reviewed proposed items for 2013 which includes the following: replace floor in basement, minor unexpected repairs, wind screens in the parks, entrance monuments, and purchase of a ½ ton pickup. He discussed the equipment levy which has not been needed in the past couple years. Kluver discussed the purchase of a brush chipper which will eliminate the need to rent one from the city of Minnetonka Beach. He stated they are requesting that Tonka Bay pay \$2,000 of a recent repair bill for the chipper. LaBelle stated there should be a formal request for Council review. Kluver stated the chipper purchase is instrumental as part of the plan to remove buckthorn throughout the City. Kluver noted the tennis court hasn't been resurfaced for thirteen years, and the typical life is 6-7 years. He noted the current acrylic surface is wearing out. De La Vega stated he wouldn't think it would be needed

this year. He suggested the City consider looking to the County for a grant again. De La Vega stated the hockey rink boards would be a priority considering their condition. Kluver stated the plan is to straighten the west end out this year. LaBelle asked for ideas to purchase the chipper and possibly resurface the tennis court. He asked how a chipper could be purchased and still maintain a zero increase. Kohlmann suggested an extra \$10,000 be taken from the dock fund the next 2-3 years. LaBelle agreed it would be a good idea to do that. De La Vega asked what the life span of a chipper would be. Kluver stated it normally lasts ten years at the County level. He stated we will be able to use it when it is needed rather than wait until another city can let us use their chipper. De La Vega was in favor of pushing the tennis court resurfacing another year. LaBelle suggested waiting to see how the tennis court fares this winter season and make the decision next year and to approve the additional transfer from the dock fund for the purchase of the chipper. The Council concurred. Councilmembers reviewed the CIP document to determine if other projects should be prioritized.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Marceau to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk