

**MINUTES  
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 24, 2009**

**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, Tessness, Folley, and De La Vega. Also present were City Administrator Loftus and City Attorney Penberthy.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Tessness moved to approve the agenda as amended: add Item 8D, Schedule a Worksession for Southshore Center. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Marceau moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2009 as written. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sign Permit – Sir Knight Cleaners, 5xxx Manitou Road – Loftus stated an application has been received from Sir Knight Cleaners at Tonka Village Shopping Center for a new sign. She noted it does meet the ordinance requirements. A representative of the business stated it will just read “Cleaners” to make it more visible from the road. LaBelle asked if any of the cleaning work is done on site. The business representative stated it is taken to an off-site plant. **Marceau moved to approve the sign permit as requested. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.****

**B. Manitou Park Request** – Loftus stated a request has been received from Greenspring Media Group to use the Manitou Park parking lot as a shuttle and drop off location for this year's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Luxury Home Tour for three weekends in June. She stated we don't have a set procedure for this request. She stated the request is reasonable since they would only use fifteen of the 75 parking spaces, and she recommended the same procedure be followed as was done in 2006. A representative of the organization stated it is a fundraiser for Minnesota Public Radio. He noted they would like to minimize any costs and offered the City advertising space in Minnesota Monthly. Folley asked if people are charged a fee for going on the tour. The organization's representative noted they are charged a \$20 fee. LaBelle stated the City has concerns about wear and tear on the community asset being used and congestion relative to the home tour. He explained that staff is recommending a \$200 per week fee. The organization's representative stated he would have to run it by his office. LaBelle suggested the approval be contingent upon Greenspring's approval of the charge. **De La Vega moved to accept the application request from Greenspring Media Group to use Manitou Park at a cost of \$200 per week pending the group's approval of the weekly charge, and to use the money to the Park Fund. Folley seconded the motion.** Marceau asked if we should include in the motion that the City can withdraw approval at any time should it not work out. The organization's representative stated they are confident there will not be a need. **Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**C. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Services** – Loftus stated in October a worksession was held to discuss garbage, recycling and yard waste services. Staff was directed to request proposals for price comparisons. She discussed the timeline for collecting responses. Folley asked if this would impact any commercial businesses. Loftus noted it would not. Commercial accounts are contracted separately. De La Vega stated we are looking to duplicate the current services. We haven't gone out for comparisons for over twelve years. We want to maintain the current level of service as our first priority. **Folley moved to approve the proposed request for proposals. Tessness seconded the motion.** De La Vega reviewed corrections he would like to see made. The first is on page three, Item D which seemed out of place. Loftus noted it was an error. De La Vega asked why Page 6, Item D, refers to bi-weekly collection – he asked if it should read weekly. Loftus stated instead of the term bi-weekly, it should say every other week as the minimum. There is an advantage to not having the trucks on the streets every week. Our current service is weekly, but we don't want to mandate. De La Vega noted the current supplier is willing to go to bi-weekly. De La Vega stated Item 5 does not indicate what the mutually agreed reporting method will be for monthly recycling reports. On Page 8, Item 7f, "shall replace

all cans in an upright position” is in the sentence twice. De La Vega asked if on Page 10, Item d, should “organization” be changed to “city”. He asked for clarification of the last sentence in Item d. After discussion, the sentence was removed. **Folley amended his motion to include these changes. Tessness seconded the amended motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**D. Schedule Worksession – Southshore Center** – Loftus stated the Friends of the Southshore Senior/Community Center have dissolved themselves which puts the cities in charge of managing the Center effective on Monday, March 2. She and De La Vega propose to have a worksession to discuss addressing the issue and options moving forward. There is a 3-day public meeting posting requirement. She reviewed some proposed dates for the meeting. **De La Vega moved to set Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. as a worksession to discuss the Southshore Center issue. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**10. REPORTS**

**A. Loftus** – no report

**B. Marceau – Finance, Marinas** – no report

**C. Tessness – Buildings, Building Inspection, Fire Lanes and Municipal Docks** – no report

**D. Folley - Animal Control, LMCC, Technology, and Southshore Senior/Community Center** – Folley reported the LMCC is still working on purchasing their building, and more information will be forthcoming.

**E. De La Vega - EFD, Parks, Sanitation, and LMCD** – De La Vega stated an LMCD strategic planning meeting was held the previous week, and a board meeting will be held this week.

**F. Attorney's Report** – no report

**G. LaBelle - Public Works and SLMPD** – no report

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, it was moved by Marceau to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

Attest:

  

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