

CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING April 28, 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, City Attorney Penberthy, and Public Works Superintendent Kluver.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marceau moved to approve the amended agenda as submitted. Folley seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

De La Vega moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving the regular meeting and worksession meeting minutes of April 14, 2009 as written. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Bob Newman, 5230 Meadville Street, Greenwood – Newman spoke on behalf of an ad hoc committee formed to address Southshore Center issues. The group has come up with a few thoughts he shared with the Council. He stated the group has determined the Center needs a full-time administrator. He stated it is also important each city go on record to say they support a successful community center. Thirdly, the cities must commit to financially supporting the Center. All the cities should continue to oversee the Center's operations, and an oversight panel should be established to evaluate and give quarterly updates to each city. Finally, a joint meeting of all five city councils, the SSSP, and other interested persons should be held prior to the June 30th deadline. Folley asked if the joint meeting would be an opportunity for citizen input. Newman stated it would be an opportunity for brainstorming and feedback from the SSSP and the community.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lake Minnetonka Wells Fargo Half Marathon – Loftus stated we have received a request for the Lake Minnetonka Wells Fargo Half Marathon on Sunday, May 3. The request is to use the service road in front of city hall for a water stop. They used the area last year, and there were no problems reported. Marceau asked if it is okay to approve these kinds of requests or if a permit process is needed. Loftus stated this is an appropriate method. **Marceau moved to approve the use of the service road as a water stop on Sunday, May 3 for the Lake Minnetonka Wells Fargo Half Marathon. Tessness seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

B. Lifeguard Services – Loftus stated we have received the 2009 proposal from Minnetonka Community Education Services for the lifeguard service program. They are the only provider for both of our beaches. A 14.9% increase is proposed, and we have only budgeted for a 7% increase. Community Education is proposing a second lifeguard during peak periods at Wekota Beach. This accounts for the majority of the increase. Meg Low was present to answer any questions. LaBelle asked for an idea on what the hourly rate would be. Meg stated the rate is around \$15 per hour. LaBelle asked if the second lifeguard could be eliminated at Wekota. Meg stated the second lifeguard was provided at Wekota the previous year. Marceau stated he uses the beach all the time. He stated we need to look at options to reduce the proposal. Loftus stated Marceau also suggested the beach be closed on a day when it is slow. Meg stated there aren't any slow days. Marceau suggested starting the service later in the season or finishing earlier. LaBelle asked who makes the call that a second lifeguard is needed. Meg stated more lifeguards are hired than are needed, and they are on call. If there is a busy day, or a large group comes to the beach, one of the on-call lifeguards is called. Tessness suggested we only pay for the days when the second lifeguard is used. Meg stated they could certainly do that or start the second lifeguard around the Fourth of July. LaBelle suggested only having the second lifeguard on weekends only. Meg stated she could work a revised proposal with the second lifeguard on weekends. De La Vega suggested not staffing Crescent Beach in June. If Shorewood wanted a lifeguard there, they could pay the cost, or perhaps Shorewood is looking for a cost reduction as well. Meg stated she would put together some new options for discussion at the next meeting.

C. Local Water Management Plan Update – Loftus stated the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District has approved a new water resources management plan which dictates to the City that we have to update ours to comply with all their rules. We asked our City Engineer to provide a proposal for providing that update. Attachments and a review checklist have been provided. They are proposing a service fee of not to exceed \$10,000. She stated an annual report will be required, and this is a major overhaul of the 2001 plan. She recommended storm water drainage funds be used to have the City Engineer revise the plan. She stated the plan has to be unique to Tonka Bay, and

another city's plan could not be copied for this reason. Tessness asked when if July 2009 is the deadline. Loftus stated that it is the deadline, but we still have time to request additional quotes. Staff was directed to seek out additional quotes.

D. Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission – Loftus stated the Council has received background on the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission request to purchase their current building. **Sally Koenecke, LMCC Executive Director** discussed their search for a building to purchase. They require approval from 2/3 of their member cities. De La Vega stated he understood the current building was not suitable to meet the Commission's needs. Koenecke stated that it still the case, but they are allowed to sub-lease if they want to. They don't have the finances to find a building that will meet all their needs. They have no better options at this point. Koenecke stated one advantage of purchasing the building is that they will no longer have to pay property taxes. **Folley moved to adopt Resolution 09-06 to allow Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission to purchase their current building. Marceau seconded the motion. Ayes – LaBelle, Marceau, Folley, De La Vega and Tessness. Motion carried.**

9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

10. REPORTS

A. Loftus – Loftus stated the Three Rivers Park District asked for support for their submittal of a grant request to upgrade the LRT crossing near Manitou Park. She prepared a letter of support which was included in the Council's packet. If funded, it would solve the safety concerns.

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 stated we have been reviewing the RFPs for the management of the Center. At this point, the first year's cost would be between \$25,000 and \$45,000. The funding formula is still an issue, and we will meet again in the next week or two. He stated he attended the Excelsior Fire District meeting.

E. De La Vega - EFD, Parks, Sanitation, and LMCD – no report

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 7:50 p.m. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

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Attest:

Clerk