

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2017**

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 De La Vega, Councilmembers Anderson, LaBelle, and Jennings. Councilmember Ansari was absent. Also present were City Administrator Crawford and City Attorney Biggerstaff.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2017

Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Michael Wegner, Tonka Bay Public Works Employee discussed his concerns about this year's union negotiations. He discussed work longevity. He believed they were let down with this year's negotiations and are moving backward instead of forward. As a representative of the Union, he asked if he and Todd Schallberg could sit down as a group and work through these before they go to a vote on it. De La Vega stated this would be taken under consideration, and he appreciated Wegner coming.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Birch Bluff Road/ Pleasant Avenue Traffic Study Proposal
Crawford stated the traffic study proposal was presented to the City of

Shorewood City Council, and they voted not to proceed with conducting the survey.

De La Vega stated we have been looking at this issue for some time now. He noted this is not a budgeted expense in 2017, so there are no funds to support the request. He believed the study was necessary and asked for comments or thoughts on how to fund this.

LaBelle was disappointed with Shorewood's decision not to participate but believed the study still needs to be done.

De La Vega stated the focus needs to be minimized and still include the needed speed data. He stated September would be a good time for a speed study. He didn't want to delay the study another year. He asked if the \$8800 amount could be lowered at all and if there could be a deferred billing for next year?

Justin Messner, City Engineer stated the cost could be lowered by approximately \$1300 to exclude the Shorewood portion of the study. He stated he could also look at other ways to reduce costs. He stated there would be no problem with deferring the bill to 2018.

Jennings stated the forecasting information would also be critical. De La Vega stated actual data would be the most important.

Andrea Anderson, Pleasant Lane West asked for the status of speed bumps. De La Vega discussed the Council's review at a previous meeting.

Kristin Viger, 45 Pleasant Lane asked that two weeks of data be collected rather than one week. Messner stated that wouldn't be an issue to extend the study.

B. Pleasant Park Restoration

Crawford stated the restoration of Pleasant Park has been completed, and no extra fill was needed. She discussed the remaining upgrades proposed for the park. She reviewed the quotes received totaling \$13,684.67.

LaBelle stated the upgrade is long overdue.

Andrea Anderson, 20 Pleasant Lane West asked why the restored area isn't being watered. Public Works would be notified.

Anderson moved to approve the quote from MN WI Playground in the amount of \$12,323.72 for picnic tables, swing set, swing set edging and materials, and grill and to direct Public Works to construct a concrete picnic area and swing area edging. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Council discussed color choices for the equipment and decided on blue and sky blue.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lilah Lane Infrastructure Improvements

Crawford stated the lot split at 45 Lilah Lane was approved on May 9. The existing sewer will need to be extended to the newly created lot. She indicated the utility plans and developer's agreement are included for review.

Anderson moved to approve the utility extension plans as presented for 55 Lilah Lane and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a developer's agreement with Simply Homes, Inc. for utility extension infrastructure for 55 Lilah Lane. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

B. Rental Housing Ordinance

Crawford stated several sample rental ordinances were included in the packet for review. LaBelle thanked Crawford for the thoroughness.

De La Vega stated the determination needs to be made whether short term rentals should be prohibited or regulated. LaBelle believed regulation would be the way to go.

De La Vega believed as short term rentals become more of the norm, it is important for us to be prepared with an ordinance. He stated he would like to see Shorewood's ordinance which prohibits short term rentals.

De La Vega asked for comments from the Council on the regulation of long term rentals. LaBelle stated he didn't know why they weren't both written simultaneously. Jennings asked that the Spring Lake Park ordinance also be provided.

De La Vega stated he would prefer starting with the short-term rental ordinance first.

Curt Larsen, 435 Lakeview Avenue agreed the focus should be on one thing. He stated there are often 8-10 cars parked on the lawn where a rental is currently happening.

Mitch Davis, 415 Lakeview Avenue believed there is an accountability issue at the existing short-term rental property. He stated there haven't been any huge issues. He believed it should be easy to prohibit.

Jim Kuhlemeier, 425 Lakeview Avenue stated there are other neighbors who couldn't be here tonight. None of them want this to be next to them. He thanked the Council for their willingness to look at this.

Suzanne Kuhlemeier, 425 Lakeview Avenue discussed her concerns about the short-term rental. She believed it is a safety issue.

C. 2018 Budget Process Timeline

Crawford stated it is time to begin the budgeting process, and she proposed dates for work sessions.

Anderson moved to schedule the following four budget work sessions at 6 p.m.: August 8, August 22, September 12 (if needed), and November 14. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

11. REPORTS

- A. Administrator's Report – Crawford stated two Council members are needed to complete the Board of Appeals training on-line. Anderson and Jennings offered to take the training. She stated two trees were planted in Wekota Park and another will be planted in Old Orchard Park where the tree was hit by a car recently.
- B. Jeff Anderson – Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology – no report
- C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling, Southshore Community Center - absent

- D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – no report
- E. Bill LaBelle – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds – no report
- F. Attorney's Report – no report
- G. Gerry De La Vega –SLMPD, Administration, Public Works – De La Vega will attend an SLMPD budget meeting this week.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk