

# CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

## MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING September 8, 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**

Tessness moved to approve the agenda as submitted. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Marceau moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving the worksession and regular meeting minutes of August 25, 2009. Folley 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. **2010 Proposed Budget Levy Certification** – Loftus reviewed a draft of the 2010 budget. She noted the proposed budget and levy must be certified to the County before September 15 every year. She stated numerous revenue sources have been lost due to the economy. She stated salary options need to be considered before the resolution can be formalized. Marceau stated our staff deserves an increase. He was, however, concerned how it would look to other organizations (SLMPD, EFD) we have told

to not budget an increase. Loftus stated from her point of view, it would be most fair to match the union amount. She stated the employees understand there is a tough economy. Marceau stated it would be difficult to justify a 3.25% increase. Folley stated 3% could be budgeted for but not spent. He would be comfortable with 3.25%, and it should be based on merit. De La Vega was also concerned about the outward appearance. He favored a percentage more in line with the CPI. A cost-of-living increase would be preferable, and he recommended it be better than zero percent. He preferred Option C. Tessness stated he also was more comfortable with Option C. LaBelle stated he would not be in favor of Option B where staff would take a step backwards. He supported doing what we can in a tight economy. He was in favor of Option C. **Marceau moved to adopt Resolution 09-15 approving the budget levy certification for 2010 in the amount of \$1,024,566 general fund and \$24,000 capital improvement levy for a total of \$1,048,566. Tessness seconded the motion. De La Vega explained how it's the revenue side of the budget that is causing the levy increase for 2010. Ayes – De La Vega, LaBelle, Marceau, Tessness, and Folley. Motion carried.**

**B. Budget (Truth-in-Taxation) Meeting Date** – Loftus stated there were changes in the 2009 Legislature that change the requirement for a public hearing on the budget. This eliminates the need for a separate Truth-in-Taxation meeting. We can now receive comments at the meeting in December. We must verbalize at this meeting that comments on the 2010 budget can be made at the meeting on December 8. **De La Vega moved to establish and announce that the City Council will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 8 at which time the 2010 budget will be discussed. The public will be allowed to speak and comment on the budget at this meeting before it is adopted. Folley seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**C. Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) 2010 Budget** – Loftus stated the LMCC has recommended the 2010 budget. Their franchise operating costs have increased 1.9%, and their access studio costs have increased 3.50%. Their revenues are holding steady. LaBelle noted the budget is funded by franchise fees and not tax dollars. De La Vega asked how the building purchase is reflected in the budget. Folley explained their costs will be flat in comparison with renting. A capital improvement fund will be set up in the future. De La Vega noted the budget accounts for a \$2000 increase in building rent for 2010. Folley noted the cut off date to file the property as exempt/non-profit status was September. **Folley moved to adopt Resolution 09-16 adopting the 2010 LMCC budget as presented. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes – Marceau, De La Vega, LaBelle, Tessness and Folley. Motion carried.**

**D. Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail Permit** – LaBelle noted this is an annual permit request with no restrictions. **Marceau moved to authorize Greg Kluver to**

execute the annual permit. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**10. REPORTS**

**A. Loftus** – Loftus stated the Fall Clean-up is Saturday, September 19, and a hazardous waste collection will be held at the Shorewood Public Works garage the same day. LaBelle asked Loftus to inform the city's contact for the Sun Sailor about the clean-up.

**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 asked if there is an interest for the city to allow software on the LMCC website to fast forward to a specific item during a specific meeting. Councilmembers discussed the software possibilities.

**E. De La Vega - EFD, Parks, Sanitation, and LMCD** – De La Vega stated on Sunday, September 13 the Excelsior Fire District will hold a Mass Casualty Drill in Excelsior Bay. He also stated the warming house at Manitou Park has been demolished, and the new warming house is expected next week. In LMCD business, he will be meeting with the LMCD director to discuss the strategic plan.

**F. Attorney's Report** – no report

**G. LaBelle - Public Works and SLMPD** – LaBelle stated he will take part in a Mayors' Forum on Thursday at the Southshore Community Center.

**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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Clerk