

ITEM NO. 4A

MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 23, 2018

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, Ansari and LaBelle. Also present were City Administrator Crawford and City Attorney Biggerstaff.

Member absent: Councilmember Jennings.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 09, 2018

B. Accounts Payable

C. Quarterly Building Activity Report

D. 2018 Floating Holiday Request

Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Birch Bluff Rd/ Pleasant Ave Traffic Study

Crawford stated that the Birch Bluff Rd/ Pleasant Ave traffic study was requested in early summer of 2017 and completed in the fall of 2017.

Chuck Rickart, Transportation Engineering, presented the study's perimeters and the results of the Birch Bluff Rd/ Pleasant Ave Traffic Study.

De La Vega thanked Rickart for his work and that the results will help the Council determine appropriate solutions.

Anderson commented on how well written the document is.

Ansari inquired about the crashes on County Road 19. Rickart commented that seven rear-end crashes were north bound, the other crash occurred when someone pulled from Pleasant Ave onto County Road 19.

LaBelle asked if addresses of those who received citations were examined; this information may help validate the assumption of the origin of the traffic. Crawford responded that this was not examined. De La Vega agreed he would like to know this information. Crawford stated she would coordinate with the SLMPD to examine this information.

LaBelle stated that specific data for the area should be used rather than WSB's assumption that the typical household makes an average of 10 trips each day. Rickart remarked that the national average is 10 trips per day. LaBelle noted additional research should be conducted to determine the source of the traffic. Furthermore, he recommended having signs notifying the public of the speed limit and/or launch a public relations initiative.

De La Vega, LaBelle and Rickart discussed the definition of the 85% speed found in Table 1 and detailed on page 11 of the study.

Crawford commented that all Tonka Bay roads are 20 mph. This speed was established by resolution, the resolution is still in effect and would hold up in court. Furthermore, if MNDOT was asked to conduct a traffic study, they would use the 85% speed and may increase the speed limit to 30 mph.

Ansari inquired about anomalies found in the data. Rickart answered there were some, but those are expected. He continued that the data may help police to determine the appropriate times of day when the higher speeds occur. Driver feedback signs have the ability to record the same type of data.

Bowman asked the price of permanent feedback signs. Rickart stated that it is dependent of the type of sign and features, approximately \$8000 for four signs.

De La Vega asked Rickart about the current signage. Rickart responded that the signage appears to be sufficient and recommended adding a 'stop ahead' sign.

LaBelle asked about blinking stop signs. Rickart replied that they are more aptly used when traffic consistently rolls through stop signs or does not stop.

Kristin Viger, 45 Pleasant Ave, stated that her and Rickart define local traffic differently. Using her definition, local traffic numbers increase.

Dave Soltau, 60 Birch Bluff Rd, Anderson, LaBelle and Rickart discussed the 85% speed on a typical road. Soltau also commented on the definition of local traffic, the number of daily trips and cut through traffic.

Larry Fisher, 90 Birch Bluff Rd, stated his opinion regarding where the traffic is originating.

Rickart explained the definition of local traffic used for the traffic study. De La Vega asked if all of the houses in the specified area were multiplied by the average, would the number of cars be larger or smaller than the results. Rickart responded that the number of cars would be larger.

Rickart discussed the placement of the data collection points.

De La Vega inquired if anything was missed or over looked in the study regarding the volume and speed of traffic. Rickart replied no and that the conclusions were accurate.

De La Vega noted that the data suggests the speed limit should be set at 30 mph. Rickart answered that he is not advocating raising the speed limit.

Andrea Anderson, 20 Pleasant Ln W, asked about the reliability of driver feedback signs. Rickart stated they do work and that there have been numerous published studies on this topic.

Fischer asked Rickart to show where the houses included in the study were located. Rickart showed on the map.

Viger commented on the medians in Minneapolis and suggested they be examined for use in Tonka Bay. Rickart replied that he did not examine any physical modifications to the roads.

De La Vega recapped the conclusions of the study, that Crawford coordinate with the SLMPD concerning issued citations and to contact Hennepin County regarding a bypass lane at the intersection of Pleasant Ave and County Road 19.

LaBelle acknowledged the audience, that he does not think the road should be privatized and that the city should obtain signage.

Viger and De La Vega discussed the number of cars using Pleasant Ave.

Soltau commented that he would like signage and discussed cut through traffic and recommended trying a road closure.

De La Vega acknowledged and thanked the audience for their comments.

LaBelle instructed staff to obtain quotes for feedback signs.

De La Vega stated the reason for the study was to determine what type of traffic problem the city has and to determine appropriate solutions.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Works Shop Eyewash Station

Bowman explained the need for a new eyewash station and presented various quotes.

De La Vega questioned the Safe-Fast Inc. quote price. Bowman explained that freight was accidentally not included.

Anderson asked about installation. Bowman responded Public Works would install the eye wash.

Anderson made a motion to approve the proposal from Safe-Fast Inc. for the eyewash station in the amount of \$1,656.59. LaBelle seconded. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

B. City Hall Window Replacement

Bowman discussed the need for window replacement for the remaining portion of City Hall, the various quotes and that the remainder of the money will be used for roller shades.

De La Vega voiced his concern of using the remainder of the money for shades. Ansari, LaBelle and Anderson agreed that shades should be a part of the project.

Anderson made a motion to approve the purchase of windows from Window World in the amount of \$16,532.00 and up to \$3,468.00 towards shades, not to exceed \$20,000.00. LaBelle seconded. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

C. Angle Broom Attachment

Bowman discussed the reason for a new angle broom attachment, the many uses for the attachment and the various quotes.

De La Vega asked what will happen to the old broom. Bowman replied that the broom will be auctioned off.

Anderson made a motion to approve the proposal from Lano's of Norwoof for an 84" angle broom attachment in the amount of \$4,053.00. LaBelle seconded. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

D. Temporary Sign Permit – Sanctuary Salonspa

Crawford discussed the temporary sign permit application.

Anderson made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit request for Sanctuary Salonspa. Ansari seconded. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

11. REPORTS

A. Administrator's Report – No report.

B. Jeff Anderson – Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology – No report.

C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling – Ansari thanked the Arctic Fever volunteers, Henderson and the Public Works Department for their help.

D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – Absent.

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 commented he will be attending SLMPD Coordinating Committee meeting on January 24 and the Mayor's Forum on January 30. He also thanked Public Works for their efforts repairing the water main break on West Point Road.

12. CLOSED SESSION

De La Vega announced the closed session. Anderson moved to go into closed session at 8:40 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.05, subd. 3, paragraph (b) as the discussion constitutes a matter involving information protected under the attorney-client privilege. The following persons were in attendance:

1. Gerry De La Vega, Mayor
2. Jeff Anderson, Councilmember
3. Elli Ansari, Councilmember
4. Bill LaBelle, Councilmember
5. Lindy Crawford, City Administrator
6. Andrew Biggerstaff, City Attorney

Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to adjourn the closed session at 9:01 p.m. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk