

ITEM NO. 4A

APPROVED MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING June 11, 2019

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, LaBelle, and Jennings. Also present were City Administrator Tingley, Public Works Superintendent Bowman and City Attorney Biggerstaff.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda item:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019

Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Updated PUD Concept – 5609 Manitou Road, Proposed Tonka Village Redevelopment Project

Tingley introduced Erin Perdu, Nick Preisler and Chuck Rickart from WSB to present the staff report.

Perdu introduced Molly Just, another Senior Planner with WSB, who will be transitioning into Perdu's role at WSB. Just explained her background in planning and noted she had previously worked on Tonka Bay's Comprehensive Plan.

Perdu presented on the Proposed Tonka Village Redevelopment Project and explained the three requests. The requests include: a Planned Unit Development Concept Approval for removal of a portion of the shopping center and construction of 86 units of multi-family residential, a Conditional Use Permit for establishment of a PUD district and a Variance for height to construct buildings 32.5 and 43 feet where 30 feet is the maximum in the PUD district.

Perdu reviewed the plan in regard to density, location of major streets and pedestrian walkways.

Rickart explained the revised traffic study including an overview of trips per day and intersection traffic operations.

Perdu discussed the location and extent of public and common space, land use, parking, staging and time schedule of development, consistency with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, performance standards, impact on character of surrounding area, demonstrated need, and noted that the plan will not depreciate the area.

Preisler presented on engineering considerations including utilities and easements, stormwater management and environmental contamination.

Perdu noted that the height variance met statutory and city requirements. Perdu explained that staff recommended approval of a variance, approval of a Conditional Use Permit and approval of the Concept plan.

De La Vega thanked staff.

Jennings and Rickart discussed the traffic study.

De La Vega asked about the status of the Park Dedication Fee.

Perdu explained that the fee would be discussed in the General Development Plan phase.

De La Vega, Rickart and Jennings discussed County Road 19 and the intersection ratings.

Anderson, Jennings, Perdu, Ansari, LaBelle, De La Vega, Preisler and Tingley discussed the timeline, vehicle and pedestrian traffic, safety considerations, the traffic study, parking and the Narrows Bridge Construction.

De La Vega opened the floor for the public hearing.

Bob Gonyea, Shorewood, explained his traffic concerns but that he supported the plan. Gonyea also requested that stormwater management be reviewed carefully.

Tony Kuechle with Doran companies thanked staff for their comprehensive presentation. Kuechle explained that the goal of the project was to create a walkable community to correspond with the comprehensive plan. Kuechle noted that Doran tried to listen intently to the community to create the plan. Kuechle then explained how the plan had changed from the original, including parking, pedestrian safety, turn lanes, traffic and water treatment. Kuechle thanked the community, staff and Council for their feedback.

Fred Hanus, 5331 Manitou Road, Tonka Bay, asked about the easement and stormwater runoff. Hanus noted concerns about the water going to the easement and bus property. Hanus also asked how close the proposed property would be to the fence.

Preisler, Hanus and Kuechle discussed the easement, stormwater and the fence.

Debbie Siakel, 25680 Birch Bluff Road, Shorewood, compared the project to the current Minnetonka Country Club development in Shorewood. Siakel outlined what Shorewood required with their previous PUD. Siakel also discussed the traffic study and her traffic concerns.

Ann Nelson, 4620 Manitou Road, Tonka Bay, explained her concerns about traffic and an accident she witnessed. Nelson asked if SLMPD had given input and noted her concerns about police enforcement.

Gordon Johnson, a Shorewood resident, explained his concerns about traffic and getting in and out of his neighborhood.

Rickart, Ansari and Johnson discussed traffic.

Bill Hedburg, 64 Pleasant Avenue, Tonka Bay, noted he had concerns about the speed bumps.

De La Vega requested he bring his concerns at the matters from the floor section at the end of the meeting.

Kristin Smith, 65 Interlachen Lane, Tonka Bay, asked if the building would be rentals.

De La Vega replied that it was rentals.

Smith noted a bus stop may help congestion and asked about the clubhouse.

Smith and Kuechle discussed the clubhouse.

Smith suggested that the push for a pedestrian bridge at the intersection of County Road 19 and LRT Trail be linked to the Tonka Village redevelopment project to lessen congestion. She expressed her support for the proposed Tonka Village redevelopment project.

Jim Gonyea, an Orono resident, asked if the variance required proof of hardship and noted concerns about the height at 43 feet and traffic along County Road 19.

De La Vega closed the public hearing.

Perdu noted that state lawmakers changed the criteria for a variance to showing proof of practical difficulties instead of hardship.

Jennings, De La Vega and Tingley discussed the project and approvals requested.

Jennings, De La Vega, Haurus, and La Belle discussed traffic on County Road 19, the shopping center and the community benefits.

Perdu, Biggerstaff, Jennings, Tingley, Ansari, Anderson and De La Vega discussed the project timeline, County Road 19 and the height variance.

Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution approving the variance for building height in a PUD based on the Applicant's submittals and findings of fact a through i. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution approving the Conditional Use Permit for a PUD based on the findings of fact a through i. and the condition that the applicant complete the remaining requirements of the PUD process laid out in City Zoning Code section 1006. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution approving the General Concept Plan based on the findings of fact a through i. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wekota Park Playground Project and Grant Approval

Tingley explained that the two approvals needed were for the grant and for the project vendor. Tingley also noted he spoke to Hennepin County about the grant and they indicated a different bid would work if the scope of the project did not change but the County would need to review the approved bid prior to reimbursement.

De La Vega, Tingley, LaBelle, Anderson, Ansari and Jennings discussed the playground options, the bid process, and the pricing.

Anderson moved to approve the quote from Flagship Recreation/Landscape Structures to purchase and install a new playground in Wekota Park in the amount of \$64,357.71. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. LaBelle abstained. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to direct the City Administrator to sign the Hennepin County Equipment Grant Contract. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

B. 2nd Reading – Section 741 Licensing and Regulating the Keeping of Dogs

Tingley noted that he, along with Biggerstaff, reviewed neighboring dog policies. Tingley explained that the nominal leash length limit, while in neighboring city codes, was left out because of Council concern over length limits.

Tingley explained that a letter was received from Christy Anderson, 4473 Manitou Road, regarding rabies vaccinations.

LaBelle, De La Vega, Anderson and Jennings discussed the letter and ordinance. De La Vega asked staff to review the claim.

De La Vega, Anderson, Ansari discussed leash length and running at large.

Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-05, Chapter VII, Section 741 Licensing and Regulating the Keeping of Dogs. Ansari seconded. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

LaBelle asked when the rabies discussion would take place.

Tingley and De La Vega indicated it would be researched and brought back to Council if needed.

Anderson moved to approve a Resolution authorizing summary publication of the Ordinance amending Chapter VII, Section 741, Licensing of Dogs. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes: Ansari, LaBelle, Jennings, Anderson, De La Vega. Motion carried.

C. Goals Session Matrix/Parks Action Plan Approval

Tingley noted he updated the Matrix with notes from the May 28 meeting and notes he received over the weekend. Tingley detailed which projects were moved on the list.

Anderson moved to approve the Updated Council Goals Matrix. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Tingley and De La Vega discussed the Parks Action Plan Approval.

De La Vega directed staff to reformat and update the Parks Action Plan Approval in light of the Council Goals Matrix and bring it back to Council.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Assessing RFP Draft

Tingley detailed that the current assessing contract with Southwest Assessing ends in August. Tingley noted that the most recent RPF for assessing was in 2016.

De La Vega and Anderson expressed support of the RFP and reviewing the market and noted the current assessor is welcome to participate.

Tingley, Anderson, De La Vega, Ansari and Biggerstaff discussed posting the RFP.

Anderson moved to approve the RFP for assessing services and to direct staff to set a timeline. Jennings seconded. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

B. 2020 Budget Process Timeline

Tingley noted Staff would meet the next day for the first budget discussion. Tingley explained the timeline proposed for budget meetings.

Tingley, De la Vega and LaBelle discussed the meeting dates.

LaBelle moved to schedule six budget work sessions. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Bill Hedberg, 64 Pleasant Ave, Tonka Bay, explained that the location of his home requires him to go over one set of speed bumps and that his sports car bottom was very close to the speed bump.

De La Vega detailed the history of the speed bumps and noted they had originally been speed humps but were later changed because of resident feedback.

Jennings, De La Vega, Hedberg and Tingley discussed location and height of the speed bumps.

Travis Van Neste, 85 Wildhurst, Tonka Bay, explained a concern about items being stored in the right of way to not allow drivers to swerve and go around the speed bumps.

De La Vega, Van Neste, Ansari and Tingley discussed the enforcement of the right of way and the upcoming Tour De Tonka.

11. REPORTS

A. Administrator's Report –

Tingley explained that Electronic Utility Billing is now live, and residents can pay in check or use the online system with a checking account or credit card.

Jennings, De La Vega, Ansari and Tingley discussed the online bill payments.

Tingley noted that the Narrows bridge re-decking is scheduled for a period of five months in 2020 and that both lanes will be open throughout the project. Tingley noted there will be intermittent closures of the Narrows that will affect boat traffic but that the area would be open most of the time.

De La Vega, Ansari and Tingley discussed the construction projects scheduled.

Tingley noted the Caribbean sale closed and the liquor license application was being processed.

- B. Jeff Anderson – Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology – None.
- C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling – Ansari thanked Public Works and Administrative Staff for organizing the Paint-a-Thon and thanked Joey Nova's for the great food.

De La Vega and Ansari discussed the LMCD.

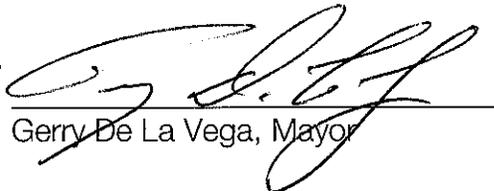
- D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – Jennings extended an invite for the Pinning Ceremony of the new Fire Chief, Curtis Mackey, on June 24th at 6pm.

Jennings explained the next fire budget work session was an open meeting and noted that the Interim Chief decreased the budget over 1%. Jennings noted that Tonka Bay's obligation decreased by \$695.

- E. Bill LaBelle – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds – None.
- F. Attorney's Report – None.
- G. Gerry De La Vega –SLMPD, Administration, Public Works – De La Vega reminded Council Members to submit Tingley's one-year review.

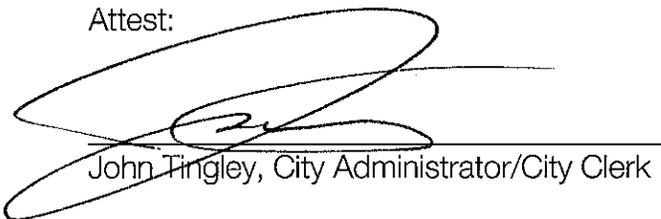
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Anderson moved by to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.



Gerry De La Vega, Mayor

Attest:



John Tingley, City Administrator/City Clerk