

CITY OF TONKA BAY ITEM NO. 4A

MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING June 8, 2010

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 Kohlmann, City Attorney Penberthy, and City Planner Gozola.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Marceau moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented approving the regular meeting minutes of May 25, 2010. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. **Continued Variance Request – Tonka Village Shopping Center, 5609 Manitou Road** – LaBelle stated the City had received a call earlier from one of the applicants requesting this item be continued to the June 22 meeting. LaBelle opened and closed the hearing. Marceau moved to continue the public hearing to June 22. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

B. **Variance Requests – Charles/Rae Maciosek, 70 West Point Place** – LaBelle stated the owner has requested this item be continued. Marceau moved to continue the public hearing to June 22. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Reschedule August 10 City Council Meeting – Kohlmann stated the options for other dates would be Monday, August 9 or Wednesday, August 11. He also noted the filing dates for office are August 3 through August 17. **Marceau moved to reschedule the August 10 City Council meeting to August 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and a worksession prior to that at 6:00 p.m. Folley seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried**

B. Budget Timeline – Kohlmann stated he would like to establish a budget timeline beginning on August 9 with the first worksession. The dates are consistent with the previous year's schedule. If needed, a meeting could also be scheduled on an off-meeting week. **Folley moved to set the following dates for budget worksessions at 6:00 p.m.: August 9, August 24, September 14, and November 9. Tessness seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

10. REPORTS

A. Administrator – Kohlmann stated he has provided a report on rental housing and the components involved with establishing a rental ordinance for Tonka Bay. One of the main components would be licensure. The City would also need to coordinate with the SLMPD. There would also need to be a significant amount of public outreach. He also provided sample inspection lists from Metro West and a private inspection service. He also provided a sample ordinance from the City of St. Louis Park. LaBelle stated it is a great start, and he believed it is something we need to do. Marceau stated we should have the police provide a monthly report so we know where the problem areas are throughout the city. If they all turn out to be from rental properties, then we know there is a problem. Tessness suggested a minimal licensing fee be charged. Marceau stated properties that aren't kept up lower property values. If the city charged him \$200 to mow his property, he would keep it up after that. LaBelle stated a well-crafted ordinance is good for everyone. De La Vega stated this is a commercial enterprise at some level. It should be regulated. The quality of housing can be improved. Some of the things going unaddressed by some of the landlords can be addressed. Folley discussed his concerns about evicting renters. He was concerned whether enacting a rental ordinance was the right direction to go. Marceau wasn't convinced a rental housing ordinance was the way to go. LaBelle disagreed stating there are violations that are drug-related or involve gunshots. Marceau stated we need to find out what the problems are and look into them. De La Vega was concerned about when we would know there is enough data. Tessness stated this can be a real positive for neighbors of rental properties. LaBelle stated we may decide collectively that this is not the route to go, but we are laying the groundwork to make an informed decision. Penberthy noted you cannot force the landlords to evict

anyone, but fining the landlords could be an incentive to screen tenants. He also discussed Section 8 requirements for landlords. He noted there are many options for the city as they continue to study the rental ordinance option. LaBelle suggested the Councilmembers could visit the police chief for more information. Penberthy suggested the police could provide additional information to all the councilmembers. Kohlmann stated he will outline all the other avenues we currently have in place for the next meeting.

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 – no report

E. De La Vega - EFD, Parks, Sanitation, and LMCD – De La Vega stated the EFD will hold a city-wide meeting on June 16 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2011 budget. A 2.02% increase is proposed. We are expecting the fire relief contribution to be \$80,000 in 2011. A building maintenance fund will be created to provide for emergency building maintenance needs, and \$25,000 will be earmarked for the fund. He stated he is not in favor as there should be something more long term for building needs. There was also discussion about how to fund the budget this year, whether the city should pay it all with general funds, pay half with reserve funds, or pay all with reserve funds. The Board decided to take a macro look at the budget and determine the percentage increase that would be allowed and leave the decision making to the Chief. The meeting on June 16 will answer any questions the Council has about the proposed budget.

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 7:43 p.m. De La Vega seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk