

ITEM NO. 4A

**APPROVED MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 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 and Jennings. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Bowman and City Attorney Biggerstaff. Absent: LaBelle.

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 October 8, 2019

B. Financial Reports

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. MCES Grant - Sewer Lining Project

Preisler provided background on the proposed resolution to authorize execution of the application for grant monies from the Metropolitan Council of Environmental Services (MCES) Municipal I/I Grant Program. Preisler explained that the grant covers projects back to 2017 including the Sanitary Sewer Lining Program in Tonka Bay. Preisler explained staff could submit reimbursement for a minimum of 15,000 dollars.

Anderson moved to adopt a resolution accepting and approving a grant agreement between the Metropolitan Council of Environmental Services and the City of Tonka Bay for the improvement of publicly owned infrastructure and authorizing staff to execute said agreement, subject to minor modifications and final review by the City Attorney. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes – Jennings, Ansari, Anderson, De La Vega. Absent: LaBelle. Motion carried.

B. Water Plant Update

Preisler detailed that the water plant was now producing treated soft water. Preisler explained that the plant was being operated manually in the interim but the plant improvements, once completed, would allow it to run automatically. Preisler also detailed recent progress such as repainting and electrical upgrades and noted reroofing and other improvements expected.

De La Vega, Preisler and Bowman discussed the generator location and budget.

Preisler noted that he expected a request for deadline extension. He explained that the project budget was trending at about 100% of the bid and likely would use up some of the 5% contingency.

Preisler, De La Vega, Jennings and Bowman discussed the loan and project.

C. Park Benches and Tables

Ansari explained that bench and table colors were chosen by the Parks and Landscape Committee and noted they would likely be installed in the spring. Ansari explained that the Ribbon Cutting would be an event with Celebrate Wekota Park.

Bowman, De La Vega and Jennings discussed the benches, tables, payment options and parks.

Ansari noted that the donation program brochure needed updating.

De La Vega, Bowman and Anderson briefly discussed dock locks.

Anderson returned the discussion to picnic tables and benches.

Anderson moved to approve the quote from Midwest Playscapes in the amount of \$7,935.00 plus an additional \$25 for an ADA compliant picnic table. Ansari seconded. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

11. REPORTS

A. Administrator's Report –
Mayor De La Vega noted a new administrator would be starting on October 24th.

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

C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling –
Ansari explained that she talked to the playground contractor about the swing set and noted he was open to changing the swings.

Ansari and De La Vega discussed the swings.

Jennings and Bowman discussed the sidewalk concrete going in at Wekota Park.

De La Vega noted that the LMCD representatives' term would be up at the end of the year.

De La Vega and Ansari discussed reaching out to the current LMCD representative.

D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks –
Jennings noted that the Caribbean was continuing to work with the LMCD to get approval to reconfigure their docks.

De La Vega and Jennings discussed the Caribbean process.

Anderson noted that he got a letter in the mail from Friends of Tonka Bay with concerns regarding the Caribbean.

E. Bill LaBelle – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds –
Absent.

F. Attorney's Report –
No report.

- G. Gerry De La Vega –SLMPD, Administration, Public Works –
De La Vega noted he had a coordinating committee meeting the prior week. He noted they would have a goals discussion for priorities with the police.

Anderson and De La Vega discussed options for police department goals.

De La Vega noted that the City was planning to hire a new Public Works employee.

Ansari noted she received an email regarding Shorewood planned road improvements from a resident of Tonka Bay. De La Vega noted that the holding pond potential project was not mentioned and that there was an open house on November 6th.

De La Vega noted that after speaking with the Mayor and Public Works employee that Shorewood did not have a solid plan to include the holding pond as of this time and they were looking to be transparent with the process.

De La Vega also noted that Shorewood held a workshop about vacating the public easement near Tonka Village. The conclusion from the workshop was that there would be a public hearing in November.

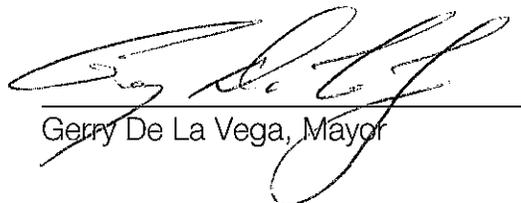
Jennings and De La Vega discussed the easement, the project and the possibility of Preisler attending as an engineer.

Preisler noted he was willing to attend the Shorewood meeting on the behalf of Tonka Bay if directed by Council.

De La Vega noted that the meeting was not on the calendar yet, but they would provide Preisler direction when it was.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Anderson moved by to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.


Gerry De La Vega, Mayor

Attest:

Oksana Maher, City Clerk

