

ITEM NO. 4A

APPROVED MINUTES TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING October 8, 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 Deputy City Clerk Maher 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 September 24, 2019

Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Susan Hallin, 220 Birch Bluff Road, explained that she lived on the lake and noted concerns about the water quality on the lake. She explained that the lake used to be clear and now there is algae, duck weed and other weeds.

She explained that Eng brought stormwater pollutants to her attention.

Mayor De La Vega noted he was unaware of the project until hearing from Eng.

Hallin, De La Vega, Jennings and LaBelle discussed the lake, how Council was passionate about the lake, history of the water quality, local groups to be involved with to help manage the lake, stormwater and funding.

Rich Eng, a Shorewood resident, explained the history of Shorewood putting in gutter and widening curbs and thus pushing more water to Crescent beach, the wetland area bordering Tonka Bay and other locations in the area.

Eng explained that he lived near a beach and was concerned about stormwater pollutants. Eng detailed his concerns about a potential holding pond project from Shorewood that would be located near Manitou Park.

Eng requested Council represent residents on issue and work with MCWD, other permitting authorities and Jan Callison, Hennepin County Commissioner for District 6.

Eng showed a photo of the map he received from Shorewood related to the project.

De La Vega and Eng discussed a similar project proposed in 2007.

Megan Stadelman, 55 Lilah Lane, noted she had been made aware of the project by Rich Eng. She explained her concerns about safety if her kids were playing outside and near the potential holding pond. She also mentioned there was a separate issue with a three-foot ditch in front of her house.

Stadelman asked how Tonka Bay and Shorewood coordinated on issues.

De La Vega, Stadelman and LaBelle discussed the potential project and next steps.

Eng provided more background related to the possible holding pond project.

Myra McColough, resident at 80 Birch Bluff Road, explained that she received a request from the city to remove a retaining wall in her front yard. She noted that Bowman told her she would need to remove 7 feet of her front yard to comply with the right-of-way ordinance. McColough requested to leave the retaining wall where it was, noted she had lost 15 inches of her yard due to soil erosion and explained why the retaining wall was important.

De La Vega noted that the Council would take in information and request that staff research and provide with relevant information.

LaBelle, De La Vega and McColough discussed the retaining wall and erosion.

Council instructed staff to reach out to Shorewood and get more information on the potential holding pond project.

Councilmember LaBelle requested that Public Works Superintendent Bowman report at the next Council meeting on the right of way.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 95/105 Clay Cliffe Easement Vacation

Biggerstaff noted that on September 10, 2019, the City Council approved a simple subdivision/lot line adjustment for 95 and 105 Clay Cliffe Drive to adjust the existing lot line between the two properties. Biggerstaff explained the next step was to vacate the existing easements contingent upon the owner granting new easements.

De La Vega opened the public hearing.

De La Vega closed the public hearing.

Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 19-56, a resolution approving the vacation of certain drainage and utility easements located within lots 1 and 2, block 1, Clay Cliffe Shores, Hennepin County, Minnesota, contingent upon new easements being granted by the property owners. Ayes: Ansari, LaBelle, Jennings, Anderson and De La Vega. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

11. REPORTS

- A. Administrator's Report –
Maher reported that Kathy Laur was starting October 26th as the new City Administrator.
- B. Jeff Anderson – Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology –
No report.
- C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling –
Ansari noted the Parks and Landscape meeting went well and that colors

were picked out for the tables and benches.

Ansari, De La Vega, Anderson and Maher discussed the benches.

- D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks –
Jennings noted that there was a dock meeting as a pulse check after the first year of gate keys.

Jennings explained that he planned to bring the dock policy forward to review and explained a few questions raised about renters and lifts related to the docks.

Jennings explained that the Fire Open House went well.

Jennings also noted that during the last meeting of the Fire Board, he was notified that Shorewood invited the Police Chief and Fire Chief to present and that concerns had been raised related to safety of the speed bumps.

Jennings, Anderson, De La Vega and Ansari discussed the issue and noted another meeting to revisit the speed bumps was tentatively planned for early 2020.

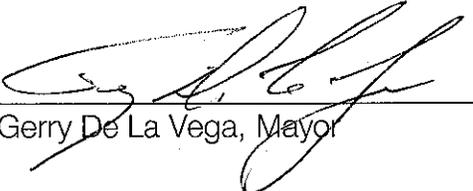
Jennings noted he planned to attend a Fire Relief Association on Thursday, October 10.

- 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 noted he planned to attend an SLPD meeting on Wednesday, October 9.

De La Vega thanked everyone for their help during the interim without an administrator.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:47p.m. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.



Gerry De La Vega, Mayor

Attest:



Oksana Maher, City Clerk