Town of Beverly Shores

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2021 Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. (This meeting was broadcast live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded due to recommended coronavirus "social distancing" guidelines.)

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, John Blackburn, Susan Loeb, Matrona Malik, and Thomas Weber were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Marshal Ed Clapp, and Town Attorney Connor Nolan.

Unfinished Business:

Engagement of Engineering Firm

President Benson recapped the process up to this point. One of the tasks is to provide the Army Corp of Engineers information regarding the work that has been done. Additionally, there is a grant that will help with costs for the engineering study. The reason for the meeting is to get the engineering firm on board as quickly as possible to provide the requested information to the Army Corp of Engineers as there was a deadline. The other parts of the contract would happen in time. The study would look at and evaluate the work that has been done, water levels and what the Town can do in response to those levels, evaluate the east end of Lake Front, document future projects, and evaluate beach access. There was discussion regarding public input and concerns about spending the balance of the bonds. The contract will be posted on the Town's website.

Vice President Loeb motioned to approve Smith as the most qualified bidder, approve the contract the Council structured to a limit of \$213,450, and authorize a notice to proceed on part A of the project to comply with the Army Corp of Engineers' permitting requirements. Council Weber seconded. There was discussion. Attorney Nolan surmised the cost of that part of the project would cost between \$7,500 - \$10,000. There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = nay. Weber = yea. The motion passed 4-1.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Blackburn.

Seconded by Councilor Loeb.

There was a roll call vote. Benson = yea. Loeb = yea. Blackburn = yea. Malik = yea. Weber = yea. Unanimously approved.

Time: 1:56 p.m.

Town Council President:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt