

**AMENDED MINUTES**

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
City Council Chambers  
21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Des Moines**

**September 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Sheckler.

**ROLL CALL**

Council present: Mayor Kaplan; Mayor Pro Tem Pina; Councilmembers Jeremy Nutting, Melissa Musser, Luisa Bangs, Vic Pennington and Bob Sheckler.

Staff present: City Manager Tony Piasecki; Asst. City Attorney Tim George; Assistant City Manager Michael Matthias; Finance Director Donyele Mason, Park, Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Police Commander Bob Bohl; Acting City Clerk Autumn Lingle.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Copy of a letter from Mr. Scott Gifford regarding Parks & Recreation Services was distributed to all Councilmembers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:01p.m. Council went into Executive Session to discuss the Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). In attendance were: Mayor Kaplan; Mayor Pro Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Jeremy Nutting, Melissa Musser, Bob Sheckler, Luisa Bangs, Vic Pennington and City Manager Tony Piasecki , Assistant City Manager Michael Matthias, Assistant City Attorney Tim George, Development Manager Denise Lathrop and outside Counsel Mike Walters.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Kaplan extended the Executive Session for 15 minutes.

At 7:45 p.m. Council resumed the regular meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Jim Langston, 660 S 226<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines, mentioned Des Moines history, the Historical Society and asked for support for the museum.
- Rick Johnson, 28624 Redondo Bch Dr, Des Moines, asked for support of the Historical Society and for the museum.
- Thelma Vannoy, 22532 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, voiced support the Historical Society and asked for support for the museum.
- Tanya Engeset, 1449 SW 152<sup>nd</sup>, Burien, voiced support the Historical Society and asked for support for the museum.
- Kaylene Moon, 24032 9<sup>th</sup> PI S, Des Moines, mentioned the budget and asked for continued quality of life and voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.

- Jeanne Serrill, 601 S 227<sup>th</sup> St. Ave S, Des Moines, asked for transparency, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.
- Ken LaBelle, 22218 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, mentioned hazardous driving from marina up to Cliff Avenue. Asked for traffic calming solutions (City Manager noted that the City is aware of the problem and different methods will be implemented in stages to hopefully resolve it).
- Michael Spear, 24219 7<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, represented Highline Schools Foundation and mentioned the helpful assistance of the Park, Rec and Services employees. He offered to work in partnership with the City to solve various issues. He distributed a letter from Scott Gifford to Council.
- Chelene Potvin-Bird, 26825 17<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, voiced support for Park & Rec services.
- Susan White, 28742 Redondo Bch Dr S, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director. Opposed Woodmont Recovery Center location.
- Sue Anderson, 12814 14<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Burien, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.
- Don Brame, 22003 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.
- Danielle Jones, 1823 S 251<sup>st</sup> Pl, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.
- Rachel Casillias, 23260 MVD S, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.
- Tony Hettler, 22506 MVD S, Des Moines, updated Council on Destination Des Moines activities. He presented Jean Munro, Chairman of the Arts Commission with a check. He voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services
- Kaydence Thorell, 22017 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, gave a speech and donation in support of the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.
- Jean Munro, Chairman of the Arts Commission, thanked Destination Des Moines for their contribution and voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director and the Senior Services Manager.
- Celeste Casello, 21650 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services.
- Sandra Mock, 1205 S 228<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services.
- Mike Sherman, 22229 MVD S, concerned about traffic safety.
- Gene Achziger, 28708 Sound View Dr S, Des Moines, discussed how important volunteers are to the City of Des Moines and how important the Park, Recreation and Human Services director is to the city.
- Joan Kennedy, 23312 11<sup>th</sup> Pl S, Des Moines, opposes Woodmont Recovery Center
- Harry Steinmetz, 917 S 258<sup>th</sup> Pl, Des Moines, voiced support for the Parks, Recreation & Human Services and he opposes Woodmont Recovery Center.
- Ben Stewart, 22515 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Des Moines, does not want the Harbormaster job cut and he supports the Parks, Recreation & Human Services Director.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Pennington:

- Woodmont Recovery Center Meeting Q & A Session
- Thanked citizens for comments and attending meetings
- Acknowledged quality of life is important
- Asked citizens for patience as the budget is balanced

Councilmember Sheckler:

- Clarified that the budget is not set in concrete. It is still open for discussion
- Stated that a community is somewhat defined by Parks, Recreation and Senior Services and he supports it

Councilmember Bangs:

- Thanked citizens for comments
- Attended Police Department Advisory Team Meeting.
  - Noted that “Coffee with a Cop” has been well attended and encouraged all citizens to participate.
- Poverty Bay Arts Gala
  - Oct.10, 6-10pm Des Moines Beach Park Events center.
  - Proceeds benefit Beach Park Concert series and the Art on Poverty Bay Sculpture gallery. Tickets at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com)

Mayor Pro Tem Pina:

- Thanked everyone who expressed their views on the budget
- Mentioned his goals regarding the budgeting process
  - Ensure public safety
  - Have solid reserves
  - Maintain roads
  - City equipment replacement needs
  - Preserve quality of life
- Reported on FED committee meeting
  - Ordinance on homeless encampments will come to Council on November 5
  - Updating adult entertainment ordinance
  - Guidance for staff on rooftop structures
  - Reviewing and updating property redevelopment guidelines for staff
  - Possible partnering with the Port of Seattle on City development
- Discussed the Woodmont Recovery Center Q & A Session
  - Difficult issue and Council is doing everything possible to remedy situation
  - Thanked community for its involvement

Councilmember Musser

- Thanked Kaydence Thorell for speaking
- Mentioned Park, Recreation and Human Services Director Patrice Thorell’s wonderful involvement with events, the community and her King County Historical Award
- Stated that the budget process is very involved and complicated

Councilmember Nutting

- Apologized for missing last Council meeting and the Woodmont Recovery Center (WRC) Q & A Session
- He supports moving the WRC
- Attended Senior Services Advisory Committee
  - Reviewed goals,
  - Take back medications will be October 31 at Marina,
  - Next meeting October 12, 2:30pm at Activity Center
- Kids are back in school so please be careful of speeding in school zones

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

- Attended 911 Memorial at South King Fire and Rescue at 320<sup>th</sup> station with Councilmember Pennington. Memorial contains elements from the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Shanksville, PA.
- Attended Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties Housing and Transportation Forum with Councilmember Bangs
- Woodmont Recovery Q & A session
  - Thanked everyone for attending
  - Clarified that Valley Cities chose the site for the facility, not the City of Des Moines.
- Ethics complaint filed against Councilmember Sheckler
  - Has been investigated and reviewed
  - Decision was made to not prosecute due to insufficient evidence.
  - Reminded officials to be transparent in all transactions.
- Mayor Kaplan and Mayor Pro Tem Pina have offered to meet with any group of people to discuss any topic.
- The City is developing a comprehensive communication plan.
- The City's Budget
  - Shortage
  - Changing the way the City budgets
- Des Moines Historical Society
  - Expressed appreciation and support

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- Online business licenses and renewals now available as of August 2015
- The City is composing a Homeless Encampment Ordinance
  - It is a limited ordinance.
  - State law requires that the City has an ordinance for a temporary homeless encampment that would be sponsored by faith based organizations.
- City Communications
  - A comprehensive City Communications Plan is currently being developed.
  - The City Manager has begun posting a weekly report along with his monthly report on the City's website.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Item 1: Discussion of 2016 Budget:

Staff Presentation: Finance Director Dunyele Mason  
Finance Director Mason gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the 2016 Budget

Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell gave a response to the proposed 2016 budget cuts, providing information on the impact and effects on the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services departments and consequently, the Des Moines community.

#### **Direction/Action**

At 9:56 p.m. Councilmember Musser made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pina. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director Dunyele Mason continued with her presentation.

Police Commander Bob Bohl discussed the consequences to the Police Department along with the community, if the proposed 2016 budget cuts should occur.

**Direction/Action**

At 10:12 p.m. Mayor Kaplan made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:20 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Musser. Motion passed unanimously.

**Direction/Action**

At 10:17 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Pina made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Musser. Motion passed unanimously.

No formal action was taken.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 1, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilmember Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pina. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Autumn Lingle  
Acting City Clerk

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