

**REGULAR MEETING
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL**

July 5, 2012 - 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 Musser.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Dan Caldwell, Melissa Musser, Jeanette Burrage, Bob Sheckler and Carmen Scott.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer; City Clerk Sandy Paul

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dr. Rosenburg, 22222 Dock Avenue South, #1-C, commented that the City of Des Moines is fortunate to have Beach Park which was paid for by the public. She asked consideration of parking needs of the park, and asked for good planning for parking for the future.

Anita Johnson, Chris Mitchell, Janice Rider and Michelle Roedell spoke about being against increasing building heights in the Marina District.

Rachel Atkins spoke about the new Massage Center that opened in Des Moines at 22606 Marine View Drive. Business partner Simone Vigil, 23641 20th Avenue South, also spoke about the Massage Center.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott

- Invited everyone to the Farmer's Market on Saturdays,
- Rededication of the Auditorium will take place on July 11
- Mentioned the lawn maintenance and clean up at the dining hall

Councilmember Sheckler

- Quoted from his book The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said by Politicians

Mayor Pro-Tem Pina

- Reported on the PS&T meeting
- Thanked Destination Des Moines for the great July 4 celebration and fireworks display
- Will be leaving the meeting early

Councilmember Caldwell

- Commented on the speakers who talked this evening and thanked them . Asked the public to bear with the Council and to keep attending meetings

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Mayor Kaplan commented on the 4th of July Celebration and thanked Destination Des Moines, staff, Powell Homes as sponsor – none of it would happen without all the participation of those who are involved
- July 20-21 a BBQ, car show, and Waterland Parade will take place
- Pulling Marina District Design Incentives this evening because Mayor Pro-Tem Pina will be leaving the meeting early and would miss the discussion
- Commented that the perception of some citizens that the City Council would be raising heights downtown is not sound

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- City Manager Piasecki outlined the Cleanscapes curbside Styrofoam recycling program which **begins in August every Wednesday. It is at no cost to citizens**
- Spoke about 'sky lanterns' which are paper sacks with a candle inside. The heat causes the sacks to rise. They are quite lovely to look at but dangerous. The City Manager signed a rule prohibiting the sky lanterns over the Marina District

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Sheckler moved to direct staff to research an ordinance regarding 'sky lanterns' for a future discussion; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Pina. **The motion passed, 6-1. Councilmember Burrage voted no.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2012

Item 2: ESTABLISHING JULY 11, 2012 AS PARKS AND RECREATION DAY, AND THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Motion is to approve Draft Resolution No. 12-114 recognizing July 11, 2012 as Parks and Recreation Day in Des Moines and July as Parks and Recreation Month in Des Moines.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Musser moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented; Mayor Pro-Tem Pina, **second. The motion passed 7-0.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pina left the meeting at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sound Transit Planning Update

Rachel Smith From Sound Transit made a presentation to update the Council on all things new at Sound Transit/Regional Transit in the Puget Sound Area.

The item was for information and discussion only, and no action was taken.

2. Marina District Design Theme and Incentives was pulled from the agenda in favor of a future date in August.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pavement Overlay Ballot Proposition

Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer explained that the local roadways have a life of 20-25 years if maintained properly. The current economic climate has kept the city from normal, regular street maintenance. With 215 road miles of streets in Des Moines it would cost conservatively \$100 million to replace the streets. Ideally, 4-5 miles of roadway should be maintained each year at an estimated cost today of \$1.2-\$1.4 million.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Sheckler moved to approve Draft Resolution No. 12-115 and the ballot language contained therein and establishing November 6, 2012 as the election date for the question on whether to increase the Utility Occupation Tax rate from 6% to 8%. Funds from the increased utilities taxes would provide for City street pavement overlays and rehabilitation for ten (10) years; Councilmember Musser, second.

Councilmember Burrage moved to amend the motion to reduce the UOT rate to 1.5% increase. The motion died for lack of a second.

The motion passed, 4-2. Councilmembers Burrage and Caldwell voted no.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 12, 2012, City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Woodmont Elementary School Gymnasium, 26454 16th Avenue South Des Moines, WA 98198

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Councilmember Burrage moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Sheckler, second. The motion passed, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul

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City Clerk