

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 7/6/2017

Meeting called to order: 5:32 PM on July 6, 2017, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Luisa Bangs – Chair
Dave Kaplan
Vic Pennington

Other City Staff

Dan Brewer – Chief Operations Officer
Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
Tommy Owen – Civil Engineer II
Tim George – City Attorney
George Delgado – Police Chief
Bob Bohl – Assistant Police Chief
Peggy Volin – Administrative Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 1, 2017
2. CIP Project Update
3. Nuisance Property Update
4. Police Department FAQ Document
5. Overgrown Vegetation Ordinance

MEETING:

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 1, 2017: unanimously approved.
2. CIP Project Update: Public Works Director Brandon Carver and Civil Engineer Tommy Owen briefed the Committee on the 24th Avenue South Sidewalk Project which will provide improvements along the east side of 24th Avenue South between South 224th Street and South 227th Place. Significant improvements within the project include:
 - Two way center left turn lane between S 224th and S 226th Streets
 - High visibility overhead school crosswalk
 - Bike lane, curb, gutter, sidewalk and landscape strip from S 224th to S 226th Streets
 - Joint utility trench and new illumination system
 - New storm drainage system from S 224th Street to S 227th PlaceCurrently, a consultant has been retained to provide design services for the 24th Avenue South Sidewalk Project and staff will continue to work with the consultant to develop final plans, specifications and estimate. The total project cost is estimated at \$1.4 million. Staff found a potential cost savings and requested undergrounding utilities for this project be waived and the Committee concurred by requesting staff to bring a motion forward to the full Council.
3. Nuisance Property Update: City Attorney Tim George updated the Committee on the 18 Nuisance Properties that were listed some time ago as needing to be addressed. The

Building Department has been working with the PD to address these properties and with the exception of 1-2 properties, all have been cleaned up. The City has added an on-line reporting section to its website where citizens can report nuisance properties and that is working out well for citizens and all the departments as well as providing a tracking method for following the progress through the system.

4. Police Department FAQ Sheet – Police Chief George Delgado and Assistant Chief Bob Bohl briefed the Committee on the recently created Draft DMPD – FAQ’s which will be available to the public as a way to get the same information out to citizens in regards to the PD Department’s Vision Statement and Departmental Mission and Values. There is a section on “Historic Officer Staffing Levels” that goes back to the year 2000, and includes an organizational chart. It also outlines the 2017 areas of emphasis and talks about the resources assigned to the Support Services Division. The Committee had some suggestions to staff for the document before it goes to the full Council.
5. Overgrown Vegetation Ordinance: City Attorney Tim George provided a memo to the Committee which outlined how the City has addressed neglected properties in the past and proposed changes to the current Ordinance to address these issues and streamline the process for abatement of such properties and the ability for the City to recover its costs for abating vegetation that grows from private property into public rights-of-way.

Adjourned at 6:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Peggy Volin