

**MINUTES
COUNCIL RETREAT
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
January 5, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER - The City Council Retreat was called to order by Mayor Kaplan at 9:06 a.m. at the Des Moines Founder's Lodge, Des Moines WA 98198.

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

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Parks Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Police Chief George Delgado; Interim Director of Community Development Denise Lathrop; Interim Public Works Director Dan Brewer; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Municipal Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan; Economic Development Manager Marion Yoshino; Court Administrator Jennefer Johnson; Budget Analyst Cecilia Pollock; Management Consultant Grant Fredricks; City Clerk Bonnie Wilkins.

REVIEW OF 2012 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND COUNCIL/CITY SUCCESSES

City Manager Piasecki initiated discussion and spoke on the level of completion of Council's short term strategic objectives.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND MODIFY AS NEEDED THE CITY COUNCIL VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS AND GOALS

2013 Des Moines City Council

Vision (No change)

An inviting, livable, safe waterfront community embracing change for the future while preserving our past.

Mission Statement (No change)

We protect, preserve, promote and improve the community by providing leadership and services reflecting the pride and values of Des Moines citizens

Goals

The City Council reviewed, discussed and revised Council goals as follows:

1. Protect people and property
2. Promote economic growth, stability and vitality
3. Maintain the City's infrastructure
4. Enhance the City's infrastructure
5. Provide efficient and effective customer-oriented City services
6. Improve and enhance community communication
7. Preserve and celebrate the historic elements of the City
8. Encourage community involvement
9. Preserve livability for all generations
10. Participate in regional and state issues and decisions
11. Protect the natural environment

BREAK - Council took a break from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS 2013 COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT WORK PLANS/ISSUES -

Committee and Department work plans were attached to Retreat packets.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT THEIR SHORT AND LONG TERM ISSUES FOR THE CITY TO ADDRESS -

Councilmember Caldwell:

- Improve City Buildings (heat and acoustics).

- Boat launch for trailer boats.
- Merge Port of Seattle/Port of Tacoma.
- Work with higher-ed institutions to expand degree offerings.
- Emergency preparedness funding.
- Review building heights.
- Concerns about political signs.

Councilmember Burrage:

- Funding for roads-working with legislature.
- Pacific Ridge development.
- Off leash dog day/event.
- Fraud in work documents/E-Verify.

Councilmember Musser:

- Marina security plan.
- ILA or JUA with Highline Healthy Community Coalition.
- Improved staff recognition – “Silent Hero Award” in honor of Sue Bowman.
- Tenant/communication database of all HOA/condominium management companies/board members.
- Develop annual K-12 education summit.
- Redondo @ Woodmont meeting.
- Continue increased officer presence.

Mayor Pro Tem Pina:

- Maintain roads/transportation system-out to voters for support.
- Light rail discussion.
- Marina and Redondo “after dark” security.
- Use of technology-communication to community.
 - Text messages
 - Cameras for officers to view areas
 - iPads/tablets for Councilmembers
- SCA/PIC Transportation Package.
- Pacific Ridge zoning development.

Councilmember Scott:

- Light rail discussion.
- Des Moines Business Park (broaden concept).
- Reconsider zoning characteristics on Pacific Ridge.
- Develop parking across from theater.

Councilmember Sheckler:

- New City Hall/Court/PD complex.

LUNCH BREAK

Council broke for lunch from 11:50 to 12:30 p.m.

Councilmember Scott left the retreat at 12:00 p.m.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND MODIFY AS NEEDED THE CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES -

Strategic Objectives

Council revised the Strategic Objectives as follows:

Short Term

- Continue and enhance the City's collaborations with the educational communities.
- Implement code changes to address nuisance properties.
- Finalize and begin implementation of a Marina and Beach Park Business Plan.
- Aggressively pursue alternative revenue sources.
- Pursue new road funding both legislative and local options.
- Increase opportunities to recognize community members/organizations and City staff.
- Review and modify, as needed, regulations along commercial corridors.
- Implement and practice City's Emergency Management Plan.
- Develop and implement a plan to improve communications with the community, including enhanced electronic communications and community forums.

Process

Budget

Permit

Councilmember Sheckler left the retreat at 1:20 p.m.

Staff was asked to bring back Long Term goals to Council for review and prioritization. Items discussed include:

Long Term

- Continue and enhance the City's collaborations with the educational communities.
- Develop marketing/branding program for the City.
- Address nuisance properties.
- Identify development regulations to delete or revise.
- Determine how to fund ongoing maintenance of infrastructure and construction of new/upgraded infrastructure including safe, walkable streets.
- Work with the Pool District to keep a pool open in the City.
- Continue to improve interactions with the Police Department, the Des Moines Police Guild and the Des Moines Police Management Association.
- Continue to improve the City's reputation in the business and development community.
- Review and modify, as needed, development regulations in neighborhoods and residential areas.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of Redondo issues and services.
- Study Des Moines Beach Park's future and designations.
- Continue to develop opportunities in 89 acre buyout area known as the Des Moines Creek Business Park.
- Work with local water utilities to identify low cost sources of water ("green lawns").
- Develop a plan to build a new Court House and City Hall in Des Moines.
- Increase opportunities for public safety.

WRAP UP AND SUMMARY - Mayor Kaplan thanked staff for their participation in retreat discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council went into Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Wilkins
City Clerk