

## REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 4, 2008

At 7:28 p.m. Assistant City Manager Ericson announced Council is in Executive Session and that it is expected to last until 7:40 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. Assistant City Manager Ericson announced Council is in Executive Session and that it is expected to last another 5 minutes

The regular study session of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler in the Council Chambers, 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, #B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag was led by Councilmember Scott.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Sherman, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Ed Pina, Carmen Scott and Scott Thomasson. Absent: Councilmember Susan White. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, Finance Director Paula Henderson, and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan and passed unanimously, to excuse Councilmember White.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rex Christensen, 6521 Mariposa Lane SE, Port Orchard

Mr. Christensen, representing non-represented employees of the City of Des Moines, thanked Council for their efforts on balancing the 2009 budget. He advised that employees have offered a reduced COLA to be part of the budget solution, while hoping to preserve the level of staff to provide a continued high level of service.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jail Interlocal Agreement - Draft Ordinance No. 08-268 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

City Manager Piasecki introduced Penny Bartley, from the City of Renton, who has been spearheading the joint efforts of Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila (identified as SCORE) working towards construction of a new misdemeanor jail facility in the south end. She noted the long term need is being driven by Yakima and King County announcing the end of allowing use of their jail facilities by 12/31/10 and 12/31/12 respectfully. She continued with a detailed review of funding/financing, a timeline, jail usage, and range of costs as furnished to Council, noting each City must adopt an ordinance and sign the interlocal agreement. She concluded by noting a potential site location in Des Moines, west of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South on South 208<sup>th</sup> Street, on property owned by the Port of Seattle which could handle a proposed 668 bed facility.

Council's consensus was that since they received the draft ordinance this evening, they will need more time to review and properly consider.

After discussing the documents presented, several potential changes were offered. Ms. Bartley stated she would discuss the potential changes with the other cities.

9:16 p.m. Mayor Sheckler declared a 10 minute break.

Draft Resolution No. 08-256 [ASSIGNED NO. 1091] Adopting 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan  
Finance Director Henderson introduced the draft resolution and noted Council has been furnished with a summary for each of the Capital funds. She advised this has been discussed by Council over a number of meetings.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman to approve Draft Resolution No. 08-256. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Councilmember Thomasson opposed.

Mayor Sheckler read the resolution by title into the record.

#### Economic Stimulus Opportunities

City Manager Piasecki referenced a recent e-mail regarding the State government looking at ways to stimulate the State's economy. He distributed a list of projects that could have a long term job and economic development impact that are broken into categories of projects ready to go within 60 days, 90 days, 120 days and 180 days. He requested Council's concurrence to send this list to AWC to be included in the packet to be submitted to the Governor, and he will also send it to Dale Learn, the City's Federal Government Lobbyist.

After some discussion, City Manager Piasecki stated he can submit the entire list, but if AWC feels it should be pared down then he will bring the list back to Council to prioritize.

Council's consensus was to authorize the City Manager to submit the projects for both State and Federal consideration for funding.

#### Draft Ordinance No. 08-255 Adopting 2009 Budget - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Finance Director Henderson presented a recap of the general and street funds dated December 4, 2008. She noted the following: Department Director's COLA's for \$51,770, reduced fuel savings at \$3 for unleaded and \$3.25 for diesel saving \$24,000 and \$81,584 added for Jail interim costs before the bonds are issued.

At 10:25 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Mayor Sheckler and passed unanimously, to extend the meeting to 10:40 p.m.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to eliminate Olympia Lobbyist. Motion FAILED by 2 to 4 vote, with Mayor Sheckler and Councilmembers Kaplan, Thomasson and Scott opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to eliminate Public Information Consultant. Motion FAILED by 3 to 3 vote, with Mayor Sheckler and Councilmembers Kaplan and Scott opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to suspend all Council committees for the year 2009.

At 10:39 **MOTION** was made by Mayor Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously, to extend the meeting until 10:50 p.m.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** Motion FAILED 1 to 5, with Mayor Pro Tem Sherman voting yes.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to eliminate the Federal Lobbyist. Motion passed 4 to 2 with Councilmember Scott and Mayor Sheckler opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to eliminate the remaining half FTE Personnel Human Resource position.

At 10:45 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman and passed unanimously, to extend the meeting to 11 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate number of Police Officers needed.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** Motion failed 4 to 2 with Councilmember Kaplan and Mayor Pro Tem Sherman voting yes.

At 10:55 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously, to extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to eliminate a half of a position from the administrative fund at the discretion of the City Manager. Motion passed 4 to 2 with Councilmember Kaplan and Mayor Sheckler opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, to eliminate the PBPW Engineer Services position (Transportation Engineering Technician) amounting to \$37,000.

Mayor Sheckler made the statement that from this point forward he will oppose any further cuts since there is one Councilmember missing.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** Motion FAILED 4 to 2 with Councilmember Kaplan and Mayor Pro Tem Sherman voting yes.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan to remove the front Counter position in the PBPW Building Division. Motion DIED for lack of a second.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, to reduce the Street Maintenance Worker to a half time position. Motion FAILED 2 to 4 with Councilmember Kaplan and Mayor Pro Tem Sherman voting yes.

**Des Moines' 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Update & Birthday Logo**  
Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Sheckler advised the next regular meeting will be December 11, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:12 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Mayor Sheckler to adjourn. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Councilmember Kaplan opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab  
City Clerk