

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
December 21, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sheckler.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler; Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Ed Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson and Susan White. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Police Chief Roger Baker; Planning, Building, and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; and City Clerk Sandy Paul.

DIRECTION/ACTION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vernena Staab of Des Moines spoke. She believed it a waste of City money to pay police officers to cover for those officers attending the funeral of the slain City of Lakewood officers.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Kaplan pulled Motion #1 for additional discussion.

1. TWO MOTIONS

Motion #1-a is to direct staff to make the necessary arrangements to have all of the existing electrical and overhead distribution utilities undergrounded in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 12 of the DMMC on the following projects in the 2010 CIP, collectively referred to as the Transportation Gateway Project: The 24th Avenue South Improvement Project; the South 216th Street Improvement – Segment 2 (19th to 24th); and the South 216th Street Improvement – Segment 1-A (24th to 29th), and,

Motion #1-b is to direct Administration to authorize Puget Sound Energy to proceed with the design of undergrounding the distribution system for the following projects in the 2010 CIP collectively referred to as the Transportation Gateway Project: the 24th Avenue South Improvement Project; the South 216th Street Improvement – Segment 2 (19th to 24th); and the South 216th Street Improvement – Segment 1-A (24th to 29th) in accordance with the Schedule 74 Underground Conversion Project Design Agreements (Attachments 1, 2 & 3)

2. Motion is to approve the Task Order Assignment with KPFF, Inc., for Construction Engineering Services on the North Twin Bridge Seismic Retrofit and Safety Upgrades Improvement Project, in the amount of \$159,343.00, and authorized the City Manager or his designee to sign said Task Order Assignment, substantially in the form as submitted.
3. Motion is to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Water District 54 regarding improvements on the South 216th Street between Marine View Drive and 11th Avenue South, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said Agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

4. TWO MOTIONS

Motion #4-a is to confirm the Mayoral re-appointments of Clark Snure and Nancy Stephan to three-year terms on the Des Moines Arts Commission effective January 1, 2010, which expire on December 31, 2012, and,

Motion #4-b is to withdraw the Mayoral appointment of M. Luisa Bangs to a three-year term on the Des Moines Arts Commission effective January 1, 2010, which was made in error, and to confirm the Mayoral

appointment of M. Luisa Bangs to the Des Moines Arts Commission, effective immediately, to fill a vacant term which expires on December 31, 2010.

DIRECTION/ACTION

MOTION Councilmember Kaplan moved approval of the consent agenda; Councilmember White, second; all the votes were ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sheckler opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Amendment to Section 18.44.040 of the Des Moines Municipal Code extending the parking exemption for areas within the Downtown Neighborhood at 7:40 p.m. There was no public comment and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

Councilmember Scott moved to suspend City Council Rule 26b in order to consider Draft Ordinance 09-199 on First Reading; Councilmember Kaplan, second. All the votes were *ayes*.

Councilmember Scott moved to adopt Draft Ordinance 09-199 extending the expiration date of the parking exemption established for commercial uses in the Downtown Commercial Zone by Ordinance 1448 from December 31, 2009 to a second reading on December 31, 2011; Councilmember Kaplan, second. The votes were *ayes* except for Councilmember Thomasson, who voted *nay*.

NEXT MEETING DATE – January 7, 2010

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.