

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 22, 2009

The regular study session of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South #B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Sherman, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Ed Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson and Susan White. Also in attendance were Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Planning Building and Public Works Director (PBPW) Grant Fredricks, Planning Manager Denise Lathrop, Assistant Director of Utilities and Environmental Engineer Loren Reinhold and Clerk Autumn Lingle.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Environment Committee

Councilmember Thomasson stated they met tonight previous to the regular meeting and discussed Water District #54. It is on tonight's agenda and the full Council will hear the presentation and information in its entirety at this evening's meeting.

Suburban Cities Association

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman noted that yesterday he attended the meeting with Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson. State Attorney General Rob McKenna spoke about his priorities and legislation he will present to the State Legislatures.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Agenda Revision

Mayor Sheckler announced he would proceed in the following order:

1. Old Business Item #1 Contract for Federal Government Lobbying Services
2. New Business Item #2. Water District #54 Consultant Report
3. New Business Item #1 Downtown Planning Policy Direction
4. Old Business Item #2 Midway Subarea Planning

MOTION was made by Mayor Sheckler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, to nominate Robert Polwarth for the Planning Agency.

VOTE ON MOTION: Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Assistant City Manager Ericson noted she and State Lobbyist Phil Watkins discussed two bills on Public Disclosure (Senate Bill 5250 & 5251). In addition, they addressed House Bill 1077, which is a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Land Lease. With Council support, Harbormaster Dusenbury represented the City at the legislative committee meeting on House Bill 1077 in Olympia and voiced the City's support for the Bill. She continued with House Bill 1109 introducing PBPW Fredricks who clarified the specifics of this Bill. PBPW Fredricks also gave an update on the Stimulus Package.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Clerk Lingle.

1. Findings: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the City Council.

Motion: As of this date the Council, by unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and payroll transfers included in the above list and further described as follows:

Claim checks #117609 through # 117808 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of \$1,434,957.52. Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$1,916,850.73

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

VOTE ON MOTION: Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Contract for Federal Government Lobbying Services

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember White, to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for federal government lobbying services substantially in the form as submitted.

VOTE ON MOTION: Passed 4 to 3. Councilmembers Kaplan, Thomasson and Mayor Pro Tem Sherman opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Water District #54 Consultant Report

Assistant Director of Utilities and Environmental Engineer Reinhold introduced Pace Engineers Martin Penhallegon and Paj Hwang. They presented their study on the downtown water system evaluation. Topics included

- Planning Data and Minimum System Requirements
- Existing Water District 54 Water System
- Water System Analysis
- Improvement Recommendations

Input was received from Pace Engineering, Highline Water District, South King County Fire & Rescue, Water District 54, Highline staff and Gray & Osborne. In addition, John Hassting with Gray & Osborne discussed his summarization of the study with Council.

At 8:57 p.m., Mayor Sheckler called for a 10 minute break and City Attorney Pat Bosmans announced a 10 minute Executive Session regarding pending litigation will follow the break.

Meeting reconvened at 9:20p.m.

Mayor Sheckler introduced South King Fire & Rescue Chief Ron Biesold. Chief Biesold provided the Council with his evaluation on the Downtown Water System Report and other Downtown fire safety concerns.

Mayor Sheckler thanked all involved in the discussion and presentations. He stated further study and Council discussion of policy needs to be accomplished before any action is taken.

Mayor Sheckler advised those in attendance that Council would not have the time needed to discuss Old Business Item #2 Midway Subarea Planning this evening.

Downtown Planning Policy Direction

Planning Manager Lathrop stated the goals of this agenda item are:

- Confirm that staff understands Council's direction from the Oct. 2nd discussion.
- Confirm Council's direction on a vision and mission statement for Downtown planning work
- Consider a motion on Downtown Marina District revised vision and mission statements as working direction to staff.

MOTION was made by Mayor Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to adopt the following Downtown/Marina District planning vision and mission statements to guide staff planning activities with the understanding that the Downtown/Marina District Vision Statement will not be finalized until planning has substantially progressed or been completed.

MOTION AMENDMENT was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to change the word "commercial" to "civic" in the Draft Vision Statement for the Downtown Marina District.

MOTION AMENDMENT ALTERED was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, the word "historic" be moved to replace the word "commercial".

VOTE ON ALTERED AMENDMENT: Passed 5 to 2. Councilmembers Pina and White opposed.

MOTION AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN by maker and seconder, to change the word "commercial" to "civic" in the Draft Vision Statement for the Downtown Marina District.

MOTION AMENDMENT was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, to change upper case "Main Street" to lower case.

MOTION AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN by maker and seconder, to change upper case "Main Street" to lower case.

MOTION AMENDMENT was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, to delete "a traditional Main Street along Marine View Drive and".

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson to extend the meeting until 10:45 p.m. Passed 5 to 2. Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Sherman opposed.

VOTE ON MOTION AMENDMENT: Passed 6 to 1. Councilmember White opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember White, to accept the rest of the paragraph as is of the Draft Vision Statement for the Downtown Marina District. Passed 5 to 2. Councilmembers Scott and Thomasson opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to change the words third from the bottom bullet point on page 2 of motion “after developing detailed facilities and amenities plans” to “after developing detailed facilities and amenities plans, including Marina street furnishings,” and the second to last bullet point add “and” “before history trails” and delete “and marina street furnishings”. Passed 6 to 1. Councilmember White opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to remove “continuous” from page 2 of motion, bullet number 4. Passed 4 to 3. Mayor Pro Tem Sherman and Councilmembers Kaplan and White opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, to change on page 2, bullet 2 of motion “civic” to “historical”.

MOTION AMENDMENT was made by Councilmember Pina to remove “historic and” from page 2, bullet 2 of motion. This was accepted as a friendly amendment and became part of the original motion.

VOTE ON MOTION: Passed 5 to 2 .Mayor Pro Tem Sherman and Councilmember White opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember White, to eliminate “connections between” and replace it with “community” on page 2, bullet 1 of motion.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, to add “valid” on page 2, last bullet of motion, before “community”. Passed unanimously.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Passed unanimously.

Midway Subarea Planning

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman and seconded, to move to a later date determined by Mayor Sheckler.

VOTE ON MOTION: Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Study Session February 5, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

AT 10:45 p.m., Mayor Sheckler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Lingle
Clerk

