

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 5, 2009

The regular study session of the City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, #B.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dan Sherman, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Ed Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson and Susan White. Absent: Mayor Bob Sheckler. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, Planning Manager Denise Lathrop, Land Use Planner II Jason Sullivan, Assistant Director of Transportation Dan Brewer and Clerk Autumn Lingle.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to excuse Mayor Sheckler. Motion passed unanimously.

Council consensus was to make a \$100 contribution from the Councils Hearts and Flowers Fund to the Des Moines Legacy Foundation on behalf of Mayor Shecklers' father-in-law.

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman noted that Suburban Cities is having their policy-making committee on Wednesday. The customary Councilmembers will not be able to attend, City Manager Piasecki or Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks will attend in their stead. One specific issue causing concern is the 1% MVET (motor vehicle excise tax) the State is proposing to build the Viaduct replacement tunnel, other roadway improvements and enhanced transit.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously, to designate staff as Councils voting representative at the PIC meeting and to vote in opposition to the 1% MVET.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Reorganizing Zoning Code

Planning Manager Lathrop gave a brief overview of the document organization, clarification of text code amendments, options for adopting the reorganized development code and setting a public hearing date.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, and passed unanimously, to approve Draft Resolution No. 07-122 setting the public hearing date for the Zoning Code Reorganization on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:30p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, and passed to unanimously, to direct staff to develop a work program and timeline for evaluating future zoning code amendments upon completion of Zoning Code Reorganization.

Land Use Planner II Sullivan stated there are two methods by which the Council could adopt the development code.

1. Traditional Method text is in Chapter and line.
2. Reference Method text is an exterior document and the Municipal Code would state that this Document is the Citys' zoning code.

Council directed staff to continue composing the zoning code in the traditional method.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan - Recommended Policies & Improvements

Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Brewer briefed Council on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Draft. He stated one of the next steps would involve issuing a Draft plan for this plan. He introduced consultant Katherine Casseday from Fehr & Peers to provide an overview presentation of an update of the Draft.

At 9:08 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Sherman announced a 10-minute break followed by a 10-minute executive session regarding labor negotiations.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman called the Executive Session to order at 9:18 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, Councilmembers Kaplan, Pina, Scott, Thomasson, and White. Also in attendance were City Manager Piasecki, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, and Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson.

No formal action was taken.

At 9:18 p.m., City Attorney Pat Bosmans announced a 10-minute extension of the executive session.

At 9:32 p.m., the meeting reconvened.

Katherine Casseday continued with her presentation on the CTP with discussion following. Council gave direction to staff on the CTP draft document preparation.

Seismic Retrofits of the Saltwater and North Twin Bridges

Assistant Director of Transportation Dan Brewer introduced Ann Strufert from KPFF Engineering. She gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the conditions and repair requirements for Saltwater Park and North Twin Bridges.

At 10:26 p.m. a **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to extend the meeting to 10:45 p.m. Passed 5 to 1. Councilmember White opposed

Presentation and discussion continued on the Seismic retrofits of the Saltwater and North Twin Bridges.

Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Government Appropriations Requests and Council Travel to Washington DC to Meet with Lobbyist and State Congressional Delegations

City Manager Piasecki gave a short presentation regarding Council selecting federal appropriation requests. The following projects are considered priorities for the budgeting process for 2010:

1. Continuation of the Downtown Water System Project
2. Saltwater State Park Bridge.
3. Multi-year earmark for surface transportation reauthorization for all phases of the Des Moines Creek Business Park

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember White, and passed unanimously, that the City Council direct staff to prepare for submission to our Congressional Delegation the above federal appropriation request for Fiscal year 2010.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to authorize payment of travel expenses of approximately \$2000 for Mayor Sheckler to meet with Washington State's Congressional delegation in Washington, DC in March 2009 for the purpose of requesting funds for Des Moines' appropriation requests.

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman noted that City Manager Piasecki would also be attending the delegation.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White to approve her attendance at the delegation and fund her own hotel expenses. Motion FAILED for lack of second.

VOTE ON MOTION: unanimous.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting February 12, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:42 p.m., **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Lingle
Clerk