

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 7, 2009

The regular study session of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:34 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 (arrived at 8:24 p.m.), Ed Pina and Carmen Scott. Absent: Councilmembers Scott Thomasson and Susan White. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, Finance Director Paula Henderson, Parks and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Planning, Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredericks, Transportation Engineer Dan Brewer and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously, to excuse Councilmembers Thomasson and White.

Retirement

City Manager Piasecki announced that this is City Clerk Staab's last Council meeting as she will be retiring after 24 years with the City on Friday, May 15th. Mayor Sheckler presented her with flowers from the Council and thanked her for her service to the City.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

North Twin Bridge Seismic Design & Safety Upgrades - Task Order Assignment

Transportation Engineer Brewer briefly reviewed the history of the Bridge.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously, to approve the Task Order Assignment to KPFF Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the design of the North Twin Bridge seismic retrofit and safety upgrades in the amount of \$209,541.00, authorize the City Manager to approve task order supplements as necessary up to an amount of \$20,000 and further authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign said Task Order Assignment substantially in the form as submitted.

Farmer's Market Briefing

Parks and Recreation Director Thorell informed Council that the steering committee of the Farmers Market is in the process of creating a nine member Board of Directors to ensure the market is sustainable after 2009, which includes:

- the filing of incorporation papers to become a non-profit organization
- the Board will meet in May to elect its officers
- the new Board will help with the following functions: qualify for grants, finding sponsors, fund raisers, marketing, special market days and construction of a new storage shed.

Board Member Corey noted the following market program enhancements are being proposed for 2009:

- Expansion into the parking area to the North with more vendor booths.

- With the support of vendors, beginning in mid-July through mid-August, the market will operate every Wednesday between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to coincide with the Music in the Park nights.
- Plan to have a float in the 50th Birthday Grand Parade.

City Manager Piasecki pointed out that the Market may ask for some logistical help from the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman requested Council be furnished with what are the actual costs to the City for furnishing various items including garbage and electricity.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously, to support expansion of the Waterfront Farmers Market on 5 Wednesdays, beginning July 22nd through August 19th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

First Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Henderson proceeded to review the 2009 1st quarter general operating funds, which include the General and Street funds, by comparing them with the 1st quarter of 2008. She also reviewed the following:

- Annualized projects
- Proposed Budget Amendments for Revenues
- Proposed Budget Amendments for Expenditures
- Property Taxes
- Sales Taxes
- Criminal Justice Sales Taxes
- Business & Occupation Taxes
- Franchise Fees
- Utility Taxes
- Other Misc. Taxes
- Licenses and Permits
- Expenditures by Category and Department

She concluded by noting that Real Estate Excise Taxes are down and this may necessitate a budget amendment.

Upon questioning, City Manager Piasecki advised that he hopes to have a complete picture of the necessary amendments needed to balance the budget ready for Council's consideration by the end of May.

8:24 p.m. Councilmember Kaplan joined the meeting.

First Quarter Capital Projects Report

Assistant City Manager Ericson noted various project manager's will review the scope, time and budget for 2009. She provided Council with a color coded sheet, noting if all is well the project is shown in green and those in red are projects that needs Council's attention, and for tonight, only the projects in red will be discussed. She noted staff is requesting Council direction to prepare a budget amendment to re-appropriate carry over funds from 2008. The following projects highlighted were:

MARINA

- D Dock Rebuild: Total in-house project, 40% Complete. Over budget due to labor costs.

SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

- Lower Des Moines Creek Channel Modifications: 1. Permit taking longer than anticipated and project may miss window delaying it until next summer. 2. Not eligible for KC Conservation Funds because project was for flood attenuation not resource improvement. 3. Development - Mitigation Funds from Blueberry Lane delayed due to subdivision delay.

STREET PROJECTS

- S 216th Street - Segment 4 (11th Avenue to Marine View Drive): \$1,760,000 funding TBD
- 16th Avenue S - Segment 5 (S 272nd Street to Pacific Highway South): Project likely to be rolled forward to 2010
- 8th Avenue S Sidewalk Project (North Hill): Project cancelled - no grant

OTHER CIP PROJECT FROM MCI

- Beach Park Mud Slide (MCI 310.331): 2009 Budget amendment needed

PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS

- Dining Hall: Permit underway, construction postponed REET funds not coming in, State Funds are reallocated from previous years

City Manager Piasecki advised that there are some expenses that are occurring this year, that are with last years money and he will include the increased appropriations in the budget amendment that staff is currently working on for the end of the month.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Sheckler noted the next regular meeting will be May 14, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m., MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan and passed unanimously, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk