

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th 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, Susan White and Scott Thomasson. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, Planning Building and Public Works Director, Grant Fredricks, Land Use Planner II, Jason Sullivan, Finance Director, Paula Henderson and Acting City Clerk, Bonnie Wilkins.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORTS

Mayor Sheckler addressed the public regarding the recommendations made by City Manager Piasecki, on the 2010 General and Street Preliminary Budget; specifically in regards to the elimination of the Parks and Recreation Department.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Councilmember Thomasson spoke about the 2010 preliminary budget and addressed the public concern about the complete elimination of the Park & Recreation Division of the Park, Recreation & Senior Services. He did not support the proposal.
- Councilmember Scott also spoke about the 2010 preliminary budget and addressed the public concern about the complete elimination of the Park & Recreation Division of the Park, Recreation & Senior Services. She did not support the proposal.
- Councilmember Kaplan spoke about the 2010 preliminary budget and addressed the public concern about the complete elimination of the Park & Recreation Division of the Park, Recreation & Senior Services. He did not support the proposal.
- Councilmember Pina also spoke about the 2010 preliminary budget and addressed the public concern about the complete elimination of the Park & Recreation Division of the Park, Recreation & Senior Services. He did not support the proposal.
- Councilmember White spoke about the 2010 preliminary budget and addressed the public concern about the complete elimination of the Park & Recreation Division of the Park, Recreation & Senior Services. She did not support the proposal. In addition, she read a letter about her appointment to the governors Council on Historic Preservation.
- Mayor Pro Tem Sherman also spoke about the 2010 preliminary budget and addressed the public concern about the complete elimination of the Park & Recreation Division of the Park, Recreation & Senior Services. He did not support the proposal. He requested City Administration put together an Emergency Action Plan to share at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

City Manager Tony Piasecki publicly apologized to the City Council on the way the news broke about the 2010 Budget. He also addressed the public explaining the budget process.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The following individuals spoke in support of keeping the Parks and Recreation Programs.

Georgie Nupen, 24816 12th Avenue S., Des Moines
David Hobbs, 25904 11th Avenue S., Des Moines
Greg & Michael Johnson, 21034 12th Avenue S., Des Moines
Steve Lawrence, 1642 S 245th Place, Des Moines
Patrick Crawford, 20213 7th Place S., Des Moines
Amber Scott, 22807 17th Avenue S., Des Moines
Bobbi Giammona, 20620 7th Place S., Des Moines
John Riley, 2026 S 232nd Street, Des Moines
Mysty & Andy Beal, 22628 16th Avenue S., Des Moines
Harry Steinmetz, 917 S 258th Place, Des Moines
Helena Caldwell, 2114 2249th Place, Kent
Rebecca King, 21817 14th Avenue S., Des Moines
David Gehrke, 22030 7th Avenue S., Des Moines
Clara Koch, 744 S 231st Street, Des Moines
Don Reicks, 21221 5th Avenue S, Des Moines
Matt Korzeniekci, no address given

Kirby Osborne, 23009 21st Avenue S., Des Moines
Mr. Osborne's spoke in support of the Before and After School Program.

Melissa Ponder, 1115 Salt Aire Place S., Des Moines
Ms. Ponder encouraged careful budget consideration and suggested a blog or social network account for the City.

Robert Stonesifer, 21229 5th Avenue S., Des Moines
Mr. Stonesifer favored a strategic plan and vision for the City.

Janel Stoneback, 316 S 216th Street, Des Moines
Ms. Stoneback thanked the Council for all their hard work and challenged others to volunteer more in these difficult economic times.

Russ Hume, 24210 13th Place S., Des Moines
Mr. Hume stated he supported the Parks and Recreation as well as contracting all or partial police services to another agency.

Rikki Marohl, 22807 17th Avenue S., Des Moines
Ms. Marohl believes that the Park and Recreation Programs speak for themselves.

Julie Conklin, 24052 13th Place S., Des Moines
Ms. Conklin spoke about a volunteer group willing to maintain Zenith Park.

Gary Hisel, no address given
Mr. Hisel urged Council to give careful thought to the consequences of a further economic drop.

Julie McCullough, 24326 21st Avenue S, Des Moines

Ms. McCullough would like Council to come up with a plan for the Marina. She states that the Redondo boat launch is not up to par when launching their boat. She says that there is no way for a handicapped person to put their boat into the water.

Jerry Guit, PO Box 98010, Des Moines

Mr. Guit stated that he is a property owner in Des Moines and is concerned about his property taxes.

Denny Steussy, 1912 S 254th Place, Des Moines

Mr. Steussy wanted to thank the City Council for the funding that they gave to the Arts Commission for 2009.

City Manager Piasecki addressed the public about the cost of living and performance step increases employees received in 2009.

At 9:15 p.m., Mayor Sheckler announced a break. Meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Clerk Wilkins.

1. Motion is to approve the regular minutes of September 10, 2009.
2. 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 # 121029 through #121205 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of \$852,334.86
Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$454,663.24.
3. Motion is to approve the Supplemental Task Order Assignment with KPG for additional engineering services related to utility coordination and the demolition of the car wash on the South 216th Street Improvement Project – Segment 4 (Marine View Drive to 11th Avenue South) in the amount of \$99,510.00, bringing the total amount for KPG's Task Order Assignment number 2008-001 to \$325,390.00, authorize the City Manager to approve other task order supplements as necessary up to an amount of \$10,000.00 for the Task Order Assignment, and further authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign said Supplemental Task Order Assignment, substantially in the form as submitted.
4. Motion is to approve the agreement with Moffatt & Nichol for construction support services for the North Marina Combined Projects, with payment to Moffatt & Nichol totaling \$405,607.00, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted, and further, to establish a contingency fund in the amount of \$28,000 to pay for unanticipated tasks, subject to the approval of the City Manager.
- 5a. Motion is to rescind the previous award of the construction contract for the Des Moines Creek Trail to Grade, Inc. in the amount of \$624,778.97 due to their bid being determined nonresponsive.
- 5b. Motion is to award the construction contract for the Des Moines Creek Trail to Archer Construction in the amount of \$734,427.78 for Bid Schedule A and B, and Alternative A1 for sculpted shotcrete finish on the wall at the park entrance (consistent with the finish that was provided under the Marine View Drive Bridge), plus a 15% contingency to cover unforeseen change order conditions, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract substantially in the form as submitted.

Councilmember Thomasson pulled Consent Calendar Item #5a and #5b.

ACTION/DIRECTION

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

ACTION/DIRECTION

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, to approve the Consent Calendar Item #5a, as read, passed with a 6 to 1 vote, Councilmember Thomasson opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman to approve the Consent Calendar Item #5b, amending motion to read a "10% contingency", passed with a 5 to 2 vote, Councilmember's Thomasson and Scott opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Vacation of a Public Street adjacent to Marcus Whitman Church - Draft Ordinance No. 09-148 *[ASSIGNED NO. 1466]*

ACTION/DIRECTION

Mayor Sheckler opened up the public hearing at 9:56 pm

Land Use Planner II, Jason Sullivan gave Council a presentation.

At 9:58 p.m., Mayor Sheckler asked three times for any public comment. There was no response.

Mayor Sheckler closed the public hearing at 9:59 pm.

ACTION/DIRECTION

MOTION Councilmember Kaplan moved to suspend Rule 26b in order to adopt Draft Ordinance No. 09-148, seconded by Councilmember White, passed unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft Resolution No. 09-176 *[ASSIGNED NO. 1112]* regarding Initiative 1033

ACTION/DIRECTION

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman to adopt Draft Resolution No. 09-176, seconded by Councilmember Pina, passed unanimously.

2. 2010 General & Street Funds Budget Balancing Strategies

ACTION/DIRECTION

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman asked staff to bring back an ordinance in order to collect the higher millage rate of the junior taxing district (Library).

Councilmember Pina asked that items related to Park and Recreation (Interfund Service Revenue, Elimination Recreation Program Revenues, Elimination Parks Admin, Elimination Recreation Programs and Elimination Park Ops) be removed as potential cuts from the preliminary budget recap.

NEXT MEETING DATE –October 15, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Wilkins
Clerk