

Preliminary  
REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman at 7:43 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, #B.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dan Sherman, 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, Park, Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell, Police Chief Roger Baker, Planning, Building, and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks and Interim City Clerk Autumn Lingle.

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, and passed unanimously, to excuse Mayor Sheckler.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- Phone scam preying on senior citizens
- Justice served in 2001 slaying of four

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, City Manager Piasecki, Assistant City Manager Ericson, and 2010 Councilmember Matt Pina attended the Suburban Cities Association Annual Meeting. City Manager Piasecki is City Manager ex-officio member of the board of directors.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Interim City Clerk Lingle.

1. Motion is to approve the special and regular minutes of June 27, 2009 and November 5, 2009.
2. Findings: No report for this meeting.

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, and passed unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman opened both the 2010 General Property Tax Levy Hearing and the 2010 Budget Hearing. He noted the removal of Draft Resolution No. 09-194. He introduced Finance Director Henderson. She gave a PowerPoint presentation, distributed information and discussed with Council revisions and the Levy Lid Lift.

At 7:58 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Sherman closed the Public Comment portion of the 2010 General Property Tax Levy Public Hearing.

At 8:09 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Sherman closed the 2010 General Property Tax Levy Public Hearing.

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to suspend Rule 26(b) in order to enact Draft Ordinance No. 09-187 and Draft Ordinance No. 09-188 on first reading. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to enact Draft Ordinance No. 09-187, determining the amount of funds to be raised by ad valorem taxes for the year 2010 for general City expenditures, including levy lid-lift ad valorem taxes to provide funds to restore police department staffing to previous years' levels per Ordinance No. 1374. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to enact Draft Ordinance No. 09-188 authorizing the increase in ad valorem taxes for the year 2010 for general City expenditures.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, change the fifth Whereas to 'The King County Library District is not using all of its authorized 50 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value and City Council has directed that the unused amount currently estimated as 8 cents be included in the City's property tax assessment,' was accepted by the maker and seconder, becoming part of the main motion.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN** by Councilmember Kaplan.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, Councilmember Scott, seconded by, to adopt Draft Ordinance No. 09-188 an ordinance of the City of Des Moines, Washington determining and fixing the amount of taxes levied, and certifying the estimated amounts of funds to be raised by taxes on the assessed valuation of property within the City for the year 2010, for general City budget expenditures as amended. Passed unanimously.

Council consensus was to substitute the Fourth Motion with correct ordinance number as the motion that was adopted: to enact Draft Ordinance No. 09-187, authorizing the decrease in ad valorem taxes for the year 2010 for general City expenditures.

PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of Year 2010 Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman stated he would not be closing the Public Hearing or the Public Comment portion so that it may be continued at the December 3, 2009 meeting. Finance Director Henderson gave a PowerPoint recap of the 2010 budget with updates and revisions.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Wilson, 1232 S. 235<sup>th</sup> Pl., Des Moines, WA

Mr. Wilson is against reducing and/or eliminating the Code Enforcement Officer.

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to continue the Public Hearing to the meeting on December 3, 2009. Passed unanimously.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Director Thorell detailed to Council the effects of budget reduction on Parks, Recreation and Senior Services.

**DIRECTION/ACTION**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to increase the budget to \$75,000 for Human Services. **VOTE**: Failed 3 to 3, with Councilmembers Pina, Thomasson and White opposed.

At 9:19 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Sherman announced a break. Meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

Councilmember Scott presented a slide show on the condition of the Des Moines Beach Park.

**DIRECTION/ACTION**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to cut within the Police budget, one Commander and one Sergeant position. **VOTE**: Failed 5 to 1, supported by Councilmember Kaplan.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pina, to name the above motion as cut number 5. Failed for lack of a second.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, to accept Police Cut #3. **VOTE**: Passed 5 to 1 with Councilmember Pina opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, to accept Police Cut #4 with the understanding that it includes cutting a Sergeant position. **VOTE**: Passed 5 to 1 with Councilmember Pina opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Pina, to reinstate Code Enforcement to a full time position. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to extend the meeting to 10:40 p.m. **VOTE**: Failed 4 to 2, with Councilmembers Thomasson and Pina opposed (requires a yes vote of three-quarters).

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, to remove the Public Works service outside painting project and to add in the City's Building Assessment funded at \$40,000. Fails due to lack of a second.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** – Study Session December 3, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:33 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Sherman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Lingle  
Interim City Clerk