

MINUTES

COUNCIL RETREAT DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

January 29, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – The City Council Retreat was called to order by Mayor Sheckler at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL - Present were Mayor Sheckler; Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kaplan; Councilmembers Matt Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson, Melissa Musser, and Dan Sherman.

Councilmember Dan Sherman was absent.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Interim Police Chief John O'Leary; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Temporary Economic Development Director Marion Yoshino; City Clerk Sandy Paul.

DISCUSSION OF 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Discussion was initiated by Councilmembers who spoke about their individual visions for the City of Des Moines. City Manager Piasecki presented a comparison of goals with a list of accomplishments, and gave the City a 'B+' or an 'A-' for 2010.

DISCUSSION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN 2011

Councilmembers asked staff to grade them on their performance, followed by staff comment on what went well and what could be done better.

REVIEW AND MODIFY CITY COUNCIL VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Vision Statement was changed slightly from prior years. The Mission Statement remained unchanged. The Vision and Mission Statements are as follows:

Vision

An inviting, livable, safe waterfront community embracing change for the future while preserving our past.

Mission Statement

We protect, preserve, promote, and improve the community by providing leadership and services reflecting the pride and values of Des Moines citizens.

REVIEW AND MODIFY CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The City Council reviewed and revised its Goals and Strategic Objectives.

Goals

1. Protect people and property
2. Maintain and enhance the City's infrastructure
3. Preserve and enhance livability
4. Protect and enhance the natural environment
5. Improve economic vitality and development
6. Provide efficient and effective City services
7. Influence regional and state issues and decisions
8. Encourage community involvement
9. Preserve, enhance, and celebrate the historic elements of Des Moines

10. Provide diverse recreational opportunities

Each Council member was given ten colored dots with which to 'vote' on each objective. No more than three dots were placed on any one objective. (Councilmember Sherman left the meeting early and did not complete the 'dot' exercise. He was given ten dots at a later time with which to vote on his selections, following the same rules.)

The strategic objectives were revised as follows, including Councilmember Sherman's votes:

Strategic Objectives*

1. Adopt and implement a plan which ensures financial sustainability of municipal services (10)
2. Go to the voters to obtain funding for all Beach Park capital projects (10)
3. Ensure that Water District #54 completes the Marina District water system improvement project by July 1, 2011 (8)
4. Establish an integrated Marina and Beach Park Business and Finance Plan (9)
5. Complete the Police Department audit/needs assessment and implement Council-adopted recommendations by the end of 2011 (8)
6. Ensure the Port of Seattle begins construction of the Des Moines Creek Business Park by the end of 2011 (8)
7. Adopt and implement an Economic Development Plan by April 30, 2011 (6)
8. Adopt changes to the Marina District zoning and development regulations no later than July 2011 (5)
9. Determine the alignment of light rail through South King County from South 200th Street to South 272nd Street (3)
10. Encourage and facilitate city wide development (2)
11. Develop and implement a comprehensive emergency management program (1)
12. Review and update development regulations as needed

SUMMARY

A future Retreat was suggested before the passage of too many months to be held on a mutually agreed upon date.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Thomasson moved to adjourn; Mayor Pro-Tem, second. The City Council Retreat was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

* Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of "votes" councilmembers assigned to each objective to show the level of priority it should have for action in 2011. Councilmembers were given 10 "votes" and allowed to "vote" for any one objective no more than 3 times.