

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Sheckler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The flag salute was led by Councilmember Scott

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Pina was absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan moved to excuse Councilmember Pina; Councilmember Musser, second; all the votes were ayes.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Parks Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer; Planning Manager Denise Lathrop; Senior Services Manager Sue Padden; CIP Project Manager Scott Romano; City Clerk Sandy Paul

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Barb Shimizu of 20830 8th Avenue South and Kris Van Gasken of 22032 10th Avenue South, spoke about the work the Des Moines food bank does and that they are grateful for the \$30,000 granted to the Food Bank by the City. They are serving summer lunches to school children this summer. They also do a backpack program in the fall.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott

- The Farmer's Market now has 50 vendors. A record crowd of 2000 people attended last Saturday.
- The Shakespearean play, 'Comedy of Errors,' will be presented at Des Moines Beach Park July 30, sponsored by the Arts Commission

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan

- July 21 King County Transportation Economic and Environment Committee held a public meeting to take comments on proposed cuts in Metro bus service and employee pensions as well as assessing a \$20 charge on license tabs for congestion relief. Several Des Moines residents were in attendance. He recommended to the King County Council to decide on the charge within the council because jurisdictions are already presenting other ballot measures for financial support to the voters
- Washington Environmental Council has a letter and petition and is asking for signers
- July 22 was the ribbon cutting and grand reopening at the Marina
- Saturday was busy in Des Moines with the Farmer's Market, car show, wooden boat show and Waterland Parade
- Met with Mayor Sheckler and Representative Tina Orwall and Sharon Lee from Lehigh to discuss low income housing stock and funding options
- The Artemis Hotel broke ground on Wednesday, July 27th
- Called Highline Community College 'a sleeping giant' with its hospitality program and its ability to provide interns and employees for hire at the Artemis and other hotels that might be built in the future
- Police Sergeant Bob Collins will be recognized Friday, July 29, from 1-3 at the Police Department. He is retiring after 27 years of service to the City of Des Moines.

Councilmember Musser

- Last Saturday’s Waterland Parade was her first. The crowds were respectful, kind and happy to be there.
- The Municipal Facilities Committee met to focus on the redevelopment plan for Beach Park in conjunction with the Marina
- Heber Kennedy was present at the Municipal Facilities Committee meeting. He has long participated in Marina planning and management. The Committee agreed that whatever was decided for the Marina had to belong in a Marina. He warned the Committee to carefully consider development offers.

Councilmember Sherman

- Had no report, but in the spirit of the report from the food bank and the retirement celebration for Police Sgt Collins, asked that no celebration be planned for him at the end of his final term in December, but instead, to increase the City’s donation to Human Services.

Councilmember Thomasson

- Councilmember Thomasson had no report

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

- Mayor Sheckler also received phone calls from several Des Moines citizens (one who is legally blind) urging King County not to cut bus service in and to Des Moines as it is the only transportation many people have and their jobs depend on the availability of bus transportation
- Artemis hotel groundbreaking was a huge success and will be a catalyst for other great things in the Des Moines

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Item 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 14, 2011.

Item 2: APPROVAL OF FINDINGS:

Motion is to approve 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, which have been recorded on a listing and made available to the City Council:

Claim checks are \$499,488.69
 Payroll fund transfers total \$446,103.92
 Total certified Wire Transfers, Voids, A/P & Payroll vouchers are \$ 945,592.61

Item 3: Transportation Gateway Project – Property Acquisition (land purchase/easements) for Del Rosario, Carlson, Elgin, Stalgis, Hensen, and Des Moines Activity Center

Motion 1 is to approve the purchase of 430 square feet of land from Teofilo and Cresencia Del Rosario in the amount of \$1,844.70 as well as an administrative settlement for Utility Easement in the amount of \$61.78 and landscaping and paving in the amount of \$1,550.00, for a grand total of \$3,456.00 (rounded to the nearest dollar) plus closing costs, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the Statutory Warranty Deed, Utility Easement, Construction Easement and Real Voucher Property Agreement substantially in the form as submitted and accept the right of way on behalf of the City of Des Moines.

Motion 2 is to authorize the purchase of 109 square feet of land from Wayne and Zoe Carlson in the amount of \$1,491.12 as well as an administrative settlement for Slope Easement in the amount of \$1,241.46, landscaping and gravel driveway improvements in the amount of \$650.00 and \$600.00 for administration allowance making a grand total of \$3,983 plus closing costs, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the Statutory Warranty Deed, Slope Easement, Construction Easement and

present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; and Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson . The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Sheckler immediately called for a 10 minute break in order to not disrupt the Council meeting an additional time. Mayor Sheckler reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Ordinance No. 11-069 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Mayor Sheckler opened the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Planning Manager Denise Lathrop provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the Ordinance adopting Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles is simply a plan for implementation should the City wish to add this concept to the municipal code, and not a requirement to install electric vehicle charging stations.

Mayor Sheckler asked for those wishing to speak to do so at this time. There was no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Sheckler called three times for anyone wishing to speak. Again, no one came forward to speak.

Mayor Sheckler invited City Council questions and comments.

Mayor Sheckler closed the Public Hearing at 9:02 p.m.

Councilmember Sherman asked why the Type 3 charging stations, allowed only in commercial zones, were not also allowed in residential zones.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Sherman moved Alternate Motion 2: to pass Draft Ordinance No. 11-069 entitled Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and amending Chapter 16.04 DMMC to a second reading on September 1, 2011; Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan, second.

Both maker and seconder of the motion agreed to the suggestion by Councilmember Thomasson to delete the second 'whereas' of the Draft Ordinance. The motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. SEPA Infill Exemption and Upfront SEPA

Planning Manager Denise Lathrop provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the SEPA Infill Exemption and Upfront SEPA. The benefit of SEPA Infill is as a tool to spur economic development in targeted areas such as a residential or mixed use component in areas that are underperforming. Upfront SEPA looks at the impact of infill development.

Mayor Sheckler invited the City Council to discuss the issue.

ACTION/DIRECTION

There was City Council consensus to know more. No action was taken. The topic will be discussed at a future City Council meeting.

2. 2nd Draft Ordinance No. 11-112 Vacation of a Public Street Bordered by First Ukrainian Baptist Church Property

Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer summarized changes to the ordinance based on discussion at the first reading of the property to be vacated. Previous findings were revised in Section 1. The vacation was modified in Section 2 to the north property owner. Conditions were modified in Section 3,. Legal descriptions were modified.

Following discussion, wording would be changed to preserve flexibility of pond placement and the word 'conditional' removed. Flexibility should be preserved until more definitive information was available about the exact future use of the property.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Thomasson moved to adopt City Council 2nd Draft Ordinance No. 11-112 approving the vacation of certain portions of public rights-of-way/streets specifically identified and legally described therein and subject to the Conditions of Approval identified in Section 3, as amended, of said ordinance; Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan, second. The motion passed 6-0.

3. Ballot Measure

City Manager Tony Piasecki reported that ballot language approved by the Council in Resolution No. 1168 was discouraged by King County. A new Resolution containing their recommendations was being presented tonight to the Council for discussion.

Councilmembers pointed out that the King County Elections Office did not use proper grammar in their edits of the language submitted by them for City Council review. Following discussion, Council refined the edits to say 'This proposition would restore Beach Park historic buildings and facilities; fund maintenance and operations; and improve city streets to prevent their further deterioration.' This same language would be reflected in all areas where changes needed to be made.

Councilmember Musser moved to adopt Draft Resolution No. 11-151, authorizing the placement of Proposition No. 1 on the November 8, 2011 ballot for an increase in the City Utility Occupation Tax to pay for Beach Park Historical Buildings and facilities; maintenance and operations; and City street paving improvements; and superseding Resolution No. 1168; Councilmember Scott, second. The motion passed 4-2. Councilmembers Thomasson and Sherman voted no.

PRO and CON committees will be solicited. The city clerk has application forms for these committees.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Council Strategic Objectives Work Plan

City Manager Tony Piasecki pointed out that Strategic objectives are established each year by the City Council, but a plan to implement them is not. This represents the first effort to create that next level of strategic planning by defining what the needed steps to implement the stated objectives are.

Councilmember Musser moved to ~~adopt~~ endorse the Strategic Objectives Work Plan as attached and direct staff to begin implementation; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmember Thomasson voted no.

2. Economic Development Plan

Mayor Sheckler made a motion to move this item to a future meeting agenda to be decided by the Mayor due to Temporary Economic Development Manager Marion Yoshino's absence; Councilmember Musser, second. The motion passed 6-0

NEXT MEETING DATE – August 11, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:00. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan and seconded by Councilmember Sherman. The motion passed 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC
City Clerk