

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
January 7, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.**

CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Sheckler called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scott.

OATH OF OFFICE – Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers-Elect Dave Kaplan and Carmen Scott. Melissa Musser was sworn in by her children Carlie and Connor, assisted by Judge Alicea-Galvan. Matt Pina was sworn in by his father and former City of Des Moines Councilmember Ed Pina.

ROLL CALL – Present were Mayor Sheckler; Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Sherman; and Councilmembers Matt Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson, Melissa Musser, and Dave Kaplan. Staff present were Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Park, Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell, Police Chief Roger Baker; Planning, Building, and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; and City Clerk Sandy Paul.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Clerk Paul congratulated and welcomed new Councilmembers. Nominations were opened for Mayor.

Councilmember Kaplan nominated Bob Sheckler for Mayor. Councilmember Thomasson nominated Councilmember Pina, who respectfully declined the nomination. Councilmember Sherman nominated Councilmember Thomasson. Ballots were counted. Councilmembers Sherman and Thomasson voted for Scott Thomasson. Council members Musser, Kaplan, Scott and Pina and Sheckler voted for Bob Sheckler. City Clerk Paul announced that Bob Sheckler would serve as Mayor until the first regular City Council meeting of January 2012.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Sheckler opened nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. The nominations were as follows:

Councilmember Scott nominated Councilmember Kaplan. Councilmember Thomasson nominated Councilmember Musser. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. Prepared ballots were cast.

The following written ballots were read into the record by City Clerk Paul:

- Mayor Sheckler voted for Councilmember Kaplan
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sherman voted for Councilmember Musser.
- Councilmember Pina voted for Councilmember Kaplan.
- Councilmember Musser voted for Councilmember Musser.
- Councilmember Kaplan voted for Councilmember Kaplan.
- Councilmember Scott voted for Councilmember Kaplan.
- Councilmember Thomasson voted for Councilmember Musser.

City Clerk Paul announced that Councilmember Kaplan received four votes and Councilmember Musser received three votes. Councilmember Kaplan, on the first ballot, was elected to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem until the first regular meeting in January 2012.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner was presented by Alina Galaviz, Zhane Condle, Narissa Neal and Savina Lara, students from Mount Rainier High School.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Brenda Anders-Lon , 2115 South 250<sup>th</sup> Street, Kent , spoke in support of the Des Moines City Council as they begin 2010. She said that Des Moines was a great place to live and play.

## BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Scott reported that the Municipal Facilities Committee would be meeting to discuss the replacement of stained glass windows of the Founder's Lodge at the Beach Park.

Councilmember Kaplan wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that the new year was an opportunity to take advantage of overcoming many challenges. He welcomed new Councilmembers Musser and Pina and recognized his parents who attended to watch his swearing-in.

Councilmember Pina thanked his family and friends for their support, trust, and attendance at the meeting. He called this a 'new day' for Des Moines.

Councilmember Musser said hello to the many familiar faces in the audience. She said she was looking forward to the next four years.

Councilmember Sherman welcomed new councilmembers who bring fresh ideas to the Council. He reported on the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) caucus orientation for those who represent their cities on SCA committees. Two vacancies were created by departing City of Des Moines City Councilmembers Ed Pina and Susan White, both the primary and the alternate for the SCA Public Issues Committee.

Councilmember Thomasson welcomed new and returning Councilmembers.

## PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Sheckler asked Councilmembers to contact him regarding which standing committees they might want to serve.

## ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson introduced Marion Yoshino, volunteering as "Economic Development Manager" for approximately six months. Yoshino was inspired to 'do something' when she observed so many struggling or closed businesses. Her goal is to bring prosperity back to Des Moines.

Planning, Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks spoke about working with Representative Dave Upthegrove on possible funding to communities with properties impacted by airports, i.e., the Des Moines Creek Business Park.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** : Councilmember Thomasson moved approval of the regular meeting and Executive Session minutes of December 3, 2009 and regular meeting and Executive Session minutes of December 10, 2009.

Councilmember Sherman mentioned that he had some edits for the minutes. Councilmember Thomasson withdrew the motion and no action was taken.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Downtown Planning Update**

Planning Manager Denise Lathrop briefed the City Council and led a discussion about changes that would be presented to the City Council on the recommendation of the Planning Agency. Planning Agency member Robert Polwarth spoke about the Planning Commission's process and role.

No further action was taken.

2. **Downtown Water System Briefing**

Assistant Director of Utilities and Environmental Engineering Loren Reinhold briefed the City Council and led a discussion on construction of water system infrastructure in conjunction with Water District #24. Construction bids had been found to be approximately one third lower in these weak economic times. The council indicated some support of construction projects now while costs were low and while more work could be accomplished with less money.

No further action was taken.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

Councilmember Sherman suggested that the January 23, 2010 retreat be held in City Council Chambers where it could be recorded and filmed for the public to see.

Regular Meeting January 14, 2010  
Potential Meeting January 23, 2010 (Retreat)  
Regular Meeting January 28, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.