

MINUTES

STUDY SESSION DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL June 3, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Sheckler called the meeting to order at 7:45.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Councilmember Thomasson led the flag salute.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kaplan was absent. Councilmember Sherman moved to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan; Councilmember Scott, second. All the votes were ayes.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Assistant City Attorney Susan Mahoney; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Assistant Director of Utilities and Environmental Engineering Loren Reinhold; Marina Service Manager Joe Jewell; City Clerk Sandy Paul

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Item #1 - Water District 54 Agreement on Downtown Water Project

John Rayback, Water District #54 Commissioner, began the discussion with new concepts that had surfaced in recent days regarding the Downtown Water Project. He stated that a ULID was not acceptable to the District due to its cost. The City Council agreed. He said that with City concessions of its grant funds and waiving permit costs to the District, the District might be able to install a new 12" waterline along Marine View Drive completely and inexpensively under the sidewalk, alleviating the need to tear up the roadway. The District could not afford at this time to complete the side streets, but the connecting infrastructure would be installed at each crossing of 226th, 223rd, 222nd, 220th, and 216th Streets, etc., so lines could be installed East and West easily at a later time. At 226th Street, the line would continue west to 7th Avenue. This plan would create a considerable portion of the looping originally discussed.

District Engineer Warren Perkins believed that even though there was considerable risk and uncertainty with this project, it was possible to make it work.

ACTION/DIRECTION

The Water District would bring to the City Council on July 1, 2010, at the Council's Study Session, a definitive plan about the topics discussed at this meeting.

Discussion Item #2 - Special Events Planning

Using Marina staff to support city activities and events was discussed.

Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury and Marina Service Manager Joe Jewell made opening comments about using Marina staff to support City activities and events.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Council member Musser moved to authorize staff to proceed with the plan to use Marina personnel to support, rejuvenate and develop special events in the Marina and Downtown area within eighteen months, as proposed by staff. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. All the votes were ayes.

Discussion Item #3 - Year End 2009/First Qtr 2010 Financial Report

Finance Director Paula Henderson presented the End of Year 2009 and First Quarter 2010 Financial Reports. Revenues for 2009 tracked lower than estimates and expenditures came in at 97% of budget. Revenues for 2010 are tracking slightly below expectations; expenditures to date are higher due to one-time payments coming due during the first quarter.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting June 10, 2010.

Councilmember Scott moved adjournment; Councilmember Musser, second. All the votes were ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.