

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

December 2, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Sheckler called the meeting to order at 7:30.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The flag salute was led by Councilmember Musser.

#### ROLL CALL

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

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Acting Assistant City Attorney Tim George; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Interim Police Chief John O’Leary; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Finance Operations Manager Cecilia Pollock; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Parks Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Commander Kevin Tucker; City Clerk Sandy Paul

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Cathy Narverod, 10634 SE 290<sup>th</sup> Street; Carol Morrow, 2415 South 219<sup>th</sup> Street; Shelley Scarlett, 3011 South 224<sup>th</sup> Street; and BJ Bjorneby, 517 South 212th commented on the towing contract award. Shelley Scarlett read a letter from Maggie Steenrod about the towing contract.

Cynthia Ruud, 25814 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, spoke about the death of Rosie, the Newfoundland dog.

Amber Scott, 22807 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, spoke about the Farmer’s Market. She invited Council and audience to the Farmer’s Market Appreciation at the Activities Center on December 10.

Tom Schacht, 26411 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, spoke about the PIYA Award.

#### BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott spoke reported that the Finance and Economic Development Committee had met and reviewed citizen feedback about the Marina (Downtown) District.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan had no report.

Councilmember Musser announced the Christmas Tree Lighting would take place at Big Catch Plaza on Friday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pina had no report.

Councilmember Sherman had no report.

Councilmember Thomasson had no report.

#### PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

Tom Schott presented the Commodores Trophy to the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines and Three Tree Point Yacht Clubs. A \$500 grant accompanies the ‘sexton’ trophy.

David Garmin, Commodore of Three Tree Point Yacht Club talked about the Youth Sailing Club at Three Tree Point.

Shelley Conti, Chair of the Youth Sailing Project, gave a pictorial report of the Youth Sailing program.

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Ken Kase, Midway Sewer District, spoke about rehabilitation of sewer pipes in Des Moines.

City Manager Tony Piasecki

- Reported that Consent Item #3 had been revised slightly with a modified motion for clarity
- Regarding Consent Item #4, granting the Sewer District easement to City property, the District provides easement to the City for the Des Moines Creek Trail as it traverses through the treatment plant. All available information was forwarded to the Council on the Sewer District's concessions to the City.
- Commended City crews during the recent snowfall for their hard work clearing streets to keep them safe for the community

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve the September 30, October 7, and November 4 meeting minutes and the minutes of the Special Meeting to hold an Executive Session November 4, 2010.

Item 2: APPROVAL OF FINDINGS:

Vouchers will be reported at the December 9, 2010 meeting.

Item 3. Staff Request to Redirect Contingency Funds for the North Marina Combined Project

Motion is to authorize staff to use \$35,000 in North Marina Combined Projects contingency funds originally set aside by the City Council at the May 27, 2010 meeting, for pile driving and ground anchors to augment the \$40,000 in contingency funding for additional asphalt paving.

Item 4: Request for an easement by the Midway Sewer District that would enable the District to site an emergency back-up generator on the Marina floor

Motion is to approve an easement to Midway Sewer District for the installation, operation, and maintenance of an emergency back-up generator on the Marina floor and to authorize the City Manager to sign the easement substantially in the form as attached.

Item 5. Settlement with Geico Insurance for Damage to City Property

Motion is to accept the settlement offer from Geico in the amount of \$8,662.69 to reimburse the Street Fund for property damage and repair to a signal utility box incurred from a traffic accident on October 4, 2009, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the 'Release of Settlement Claim' with Geico substantially in the form as attached.

### **ACTION/DIRECTION**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Sherman; second by Councilmember Thomasson. The vote was unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS #1.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Draft 2011 Budget Ordinance

City Manager Piasecki offered opening remarks. Finance Director Paula Henderson said property taxes were shifted to the Levy Lid Lift Fund in the amount of \$61,000.

### **ACTION/DIRECTION**

Mayor Sheckler moved to add \$15,000 to the budget for Destination Des Moines; Councilmember Pina, second.

Councilmember Sherman moved to amend the main motion by reducing the amount for Destination Des Moines to \$7,500; Councilmember Musser, second. The motion was approved, 5-2. Mayor Sheckler and Councilmember Pina voted *no*.

The main motion, as amended, was to award \$7,500 to Destination Des Moines. The motion was approved, 6-1. Councilmember Thomasson voted *no*.

*RECESS* - Mayor Sheckler recessed the meeting for a 10-minute break at 8:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS #1.  
Towing RFP Contract Award

Commander Kevin Tucker provided a historical presentation of past and current towing contracts and services. Selection of one company would not exclude other bidders from towing vehicles in Des Moines.

**ACTION/DIRECTION**

Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan moved to approve the Towing and Impound Services Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Dick's Towing and Road Services, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement substantially in the form as submitted; Councilmember Thomasson, second. The motion was approved unanimously.

*At this point, Mayor Sheckler excused himself and turned the meeting over the Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan. Mayor Sheckler left the City Council Meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS #2  
Police Needs Assessment RFP

Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson explained the process of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for police service needs to date.

**ACTION/DIRECTION**

Councilmember Musser moved to direct staff to begin negotiating a contract with Matrix consulting Group to perform an organizational review and workload and performance audit for the City of Des Moines Police Department ; Councilmember Scott, second. The motion passed with on a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS #3  
Beach Park Projects Councilmanic Bonds

Parks Recreation Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell compared needed projects with current available funding and what some funding options might include. Councilmanic bonds could be approved by the City Council without a vote of the people. ‘

**ACTION/DIRECTION**

Following discussion, Councilmember Sherman moved to remand the topic of Councilmanic bonds back to the Municipal Facilities Committee 1) for a business plan and 2) for a debt service plan; Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan, second. The motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS #4  
Adoption of CIP Resolution

**ACTION/DIRECTION**

Due to the lateness of the hour, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan moved to place *Adoption of the CIP Resolution* on the City Council agenda for December 9, 2010; Councilmember Thomasson, second. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE – December 9, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC  
City Clerk