

AMENDED MINUTES

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL RETREAT Des Moines Activity Center 2045 S 216th Street, Des Moines

April 6, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kaplan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Kaplan; Mayor Pro Tem Pina; Councilmembers Melissa Musser, Jeanette Burrage, Bob Sheckler, and Carmen Scott.

Staffs present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Police Chief George Delgado; Commander Barry Sellers; Commander Bob Bohl; Acting Director of Community Development Denise Lathrop; Park & Recreation Director Patrice Thorell; Municipal Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Acting Director of Public Works Dan Brewer; Economic Development Manager Marion Yoshino; Budget Analyst Cecilia Pollock; Management Consultant Grant Fredricks; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; City Clerk Bonnie Wilkins.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2008-2013 BUDGETS AND PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE BUDGETS

Finance Director Henderson presented budget graphs of revenues and expenditures for 2008-2013.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL RADICAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE REDUCTION STRATEGIES

City Manager Piasecki presented Radical Expenditure Reduction Ideas and the City Council requested further review/follow-up on the following:

- Police Department – contract for some services (emphasis on support and infrastructure)
 - We offer police services to others
 - Regional police services (or merge w/another city)
- Court
 - Contract with other cities – we need physical space – [leasing option available?](#)
 - Regional services
- Other opportunities for collaboration with other cities
 - Street Services
 - Park & Rec Services
 - Mechanics/Fleet
 - Building
 - Code Enforcement
- Merge Marina and Park, Rec & Senior Services
- Contract w/private sector for some of the items listed above
- Lease Fleet/Equipment
- Recombine, reorganize and flatten organizational structure in PBPW - \$280,000-\$350,000

At 10:20 a.m. Council took a 10 minute break and resumed the retreat at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL RADICAL REVENUE STRATEGIES

City Manager Piasecki briefed Council with Extraordinary Revenue Generating Ideas and the City Council requested further review/follow-up on the following:

- Prepare a thorough analysis of all commercial areas and corresponding uses to determine where highest revenues are/can be generated, in the context of political feasibility
- Research revenue sources of surrounding cities – where are they getting their revenue?
- Review/discuss complete and exhaustive listing of all possible revenue sources
- Bring all properties between I-5 and Highway 99 and between Kent-Des Moines Road and South 272nd Street into Des Moines – conduct an analysis
- Sponsorships/naming rights for City facilities/vehicles – what would policy/rules look like?
- Far reaching rezones
 - Pacific Ridge
 - Pacific Highway South from Kent-Des Moines Road to South 272nd Street
- Marina District
 - Buy vacant property and make it more developable
 - Move City Hall/Court/Library to the Marina District
 - Look at vacating alleys and ROW to encourage economic development
- Charge for Parking (Marina, Redondo, Beach Park, Marina District) – PS&T to study parking issues
- Support passage of King County Human Services Sales Tax increase
- Redevelop Marina
- Complete Beach Park Rehabilitation, Rent/Lease space
- Require utilities to develop plans to extend service to undeveloped/underdeveloped lots
 - Mechanism?
 - Increase development?
 - Increase property values?
- Lease the Marina to private operator
- Des Moines Elementary School – have F&ED review zoning

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF TRADITIONAL BUDGET BALANCING STRATEGIES

City Manager Piasecki presented Council with a list of Traditional Budget Balancing Strategies and Efficiency Enhancements.

- Reduce/slow/eliminate increases in employee compensation/benefits
- Street Lighting
 - LEDs - \$45,000 per year for 100 watt lights
- Eliminate ACM and add HR Specialist - \$74,848
- Eliminate ED Manager Position - \$134,026
- Eliminate Consultant Positions
- Freeze Empty Positions/Reallocate Resources as needed - \$1,142,078 (includes some of the savings in reorganization of PBPW)
- Continue fight for liquor revenue - \$300,000 for 2013
- Consider Bi-Annual Budget Process
- \$\$\$ for Marijuana

- \$40 Car tab - \$400,000
- Feds – Advocate for Fair Market Place (i.e. sales tax on all internet sales)
- Require direct pay deposit for all City employees (just as the Federal government now requires for pay and entitlements) by 1/1/14 and immediately for new employees when hired
- Charge for all community events – cover direct costs
- Eliminate Citizen Advisory Committees (Human Services, Senior Services, Arts Commission, Landmarks Commission) – eliminates need to provide staff support_- [What are these committees doing and how much staff support is provided?](#)
- [Eliminate the Planning Agency by 1/1/14](#)
- Reevaluate all Departmental Positions for duplication
- Reevaluate all Departmental Expenditures for savings
- Reevaluate all Departmental Fees for market rates

Action/Direction

Motion made by Mayor Kaplan to extend the meeting an additional 10 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Sheckler.

Mayor Pro Tem Pina offered a friendly amendment to add an additional 5 minutes to the main motion; Councilmember Sheckler approved the amendment.

The motion passed 6-0.

After continued discussion Council requested more information on the Citizen Advisory Committees – what are they doing and how much staff support is provided?

By a majority consensus, Council supports the elimination of the Planning Agency by January 1, 2014.

For: Mayor Kaplan, Mayor Pro Tem Pina; Councilmembers Burrage, Sheckler & Musser.

Against: Councilmember Scott

Motion made by Councilmember Musser to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pina.

The motion passed 5-1.

For: Mayor Kaplan, Mayor Pro Tem Pina; Councilmembers Burrage, Scott & Musser.

Against: Councilmember Sheckler.

At 12:24 p.m. Councilmember Sheckler left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

