

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 06/06/2013

Meeting called to order: 5:48 PM on May 9, 2013, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Matt Pina—Chairman & Mayor Pro Tem
Jeanette Burrage—Vice Chair
Dave Kaplan—Absent

Other City Staff

Tony Piasecki – City Manager
Dan Brewer – Planning, Building & PW Director
Brandon Carver – Engineering Services Manager
Grant Fredricks – Special Projects Consultant
Peggy Volin – Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approve 5/09/2013 Minutes
2. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
3. Sound Transit Planning Update
4. Des Moines Elementary Traffic Operations (9th Ave/220th Street) & Field House Parking Revisions
5. Car Wash Property 216th

MEETING:

1. Minutes from May 9, 2013, were unanimously approved as submitted.
2. Transportation Improvement Plan: Brandon Carver explained that no changes in status to the top 16 TIP projects were being proposed since the previous month's meeting where he went over the entire 20-year TIP. Staff proposed to elevate three projects near Highline Community College and South 240th Street in order to begin to position the City in advance of potential grant and mitigation opportunities with the new Sound Transit planned station near the college. 208th Street was also increased in priority due to recent interest by the Committee and the residents. The Downtown Circulation Study and the Downtown Parking Management Plan were lowered in priority due in part to recent efforts by staff to improve the MVD crosswalks and to work towards a downtown interim parking lot (Fisher Lot).

The Committee concurred with the proposed changes and gave direction to move forward to the full Council.

3. Sound Transit Planning Update: Grant Fredricks updated the Committee with handouts that included the Interagency's Working Group meeting dates & topics; dates for key upcoming milestones; the Public Outreach and Council Briefings Schedule; the Timeline process for the Federal Way Transit Extension; and an explanation of what the Environmental Review Process entails.

He plans to have a draft Scoping Letter to the Council for the meeting of June 27, 2013 along with a public hearing for that date also.

4. Des Moines Elementary Traffic Operations (9th Ave/220th Street) & Field House Parking Revisions: Brandon provided a map of the parking area for discussion that included Des Moines Elementary and he explained the current traffic flow. Due to the high number of students who are driven to this school relative to the size of the school and lack of on-site load/unload space, there are several traffic operational issues that staff is trying to improve. Two of these proposed improvements included changing the parking in front of the Field House to angled parking and installing yellow tubular delineators along the centerline at the curve of 9th Avenue/220th Street to discourage left turns and u-turns. He explained that our plan was to address the traffic issues in the summer and educate the parents in the fall in coordination with the school.

Chair Pina requested staff also look into the potential of a “No Left” turn sign being installed as well. Staff will look into this and further study the implications of this sign install.

5. Car Wash Property 216th: Brandon Carver explained the car wash property was purchased with transportation funds in 2009. Due to recent improvements in the real estate market, the question proposed to the Committee was whether it is now time to discuss options for it which would be to either lease it or sell it. There had been some interest expressed by an adjoining property owner to if this parcel was to come up for sale.

Staff will bring this forward for discussion for an Executive session.

Adjourned 6:40 PM

Minutes submitted by:

Peggy Volin
Administrative Assistant II