

## REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 12, 2009

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Sheckler at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, #B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag was led by Councilmember Kaplan.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Sherman, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Ed Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson and Susan White. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Attorney Susan Mahoney, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Planning, Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks and City Clerk Denis Staab.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

#### Ruby Pippin, 24028 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Ms. Pippin informed Council she lives next to Highline Community College and rents a basement of a residential home. She stated the driveway that is available to her is taken up by her motor home and car, so when people come to visit her they must park out on the street. She advised that this has led to quite an expense in parking tickets. She requested relief from parking tickets to allow people to come visit her, through the use of a voucher or a way to let the police know it is someone visiting her to avoid getting a parking ticket.

City Manager Piasecki advised he is in discussions with the Chief of Police and it appears that within the City Code he has the authority to authorize a visitor permit or something that can be placed in a visitor's car windshield. Hopefully this will be solved easily.

### BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

#### Tourism and Economic Development Networking Meeting Sponsored by Seattle Southside

Councilmember Scott reported attending the meeting today in Kent at their new multi-use facility. She advised that Seattle Southside has been of great benefit to Des Moines and she will be meeting with them in March to ensure all pertinent information regarding Des Moines is included in their next information brochure.

#### Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting

Councilmember Kaplan noted the Board met earlier tonight and will await City Attorney's opinion on what we are obligated to do under the Benefit District as opposed to as Councilmembers.

#### Public Safety and Transportation Committee

Councilmember Kaplan reported the Committee met on February 5<sup>th</sup> and reviewed upcoming projects and received a presentation on the "State of the Bridges".

#### Farmer's Market

Councilmember Thomasson requested Administration provide Council with a report next month regarding efforts to find a permanent solution for the ongoing operations of the Farmer's Market.

Senior Advisory Committee

Councilmember White reported attending a meeting earlier today. She advised that the Committee will be traveling to Olympia on February 17<sup>th</sup> on Senior Lobby Day to advocate on behalf of elderly health care.

Arts Commission

Councilmember White advised the Commission is busy planning the Waterland music series and various upcoming concerts

Public Issues Committee of Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember White reported that the Committee at last night's meeting discussed numerous issues including:

- Opposing Motor Vehicle Licensing proposal for imposing 1% tax in King County
- Jail Needs
- Against House and Senate Bills eliminating inspection of rental housing

She distributed various written material to the City Manager for distribution to the Council on more issues.

Municipal Facilities Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman noted the Committee met on February 6<sup>th</sup> reviewing the following:

- Creek Project - Permit is in and hope to make this years window
- Dinning Hall restoration project
- Marina Water main project at Marina slated for May/June
- Discussed sidewalk placement on Dock Street

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance & Economic Development Committee

Mayor Sheckler announced that Councilmember White will be the Chairman of the Committee for 2009.

State of King County

Mayor Sheckler introduced County Councilmember Julia Patterson, who proceeded to report on the following County issues:

- Animal Shelter improvements including increased health care and adoption rates
- Transit Route improvements
- Light Rail - planning 2 stations in Des Moines, will work with City to determine the best fit
- Lake to Sound Trail planned linking Lake Washington to Des Moines
- Public Health Clinics saved this year despite \$93 million shortfall

In conclusion she stressed the need to prioritize mental health and human services that help to change lives. She looks forward to working with the City on future issues.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events Requesting Sanction

City Manager Piasecki distributed a memo listing the following events requesting 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sanction:

- Earth Day 2009 - April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Kiwanis Bicycle Safety Rodeo - May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Children's Craft & Activity Station - July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Happy Birthday Des Moines Shabbat & Open House - May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Council's consensus was to accept these as Sanctioned 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

### Senate Bill 5742 Opposition

City Manager Piasecki advised that Police Chief Baker has testified to the State Senate against Senate Bill 5742 and distributed a copy of the Chief's comments for Council review regarding the City's success with the Crime Free Rental Housing registration and education program.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Assistant City Attorney Mahoney.

1. Motion is to approve the regular minutes of January 8 and 15, 2009.
2. Findings: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the City Council.

Motion: As of this date the Council, by unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and payroll transfers included in the above list and further described as follows:

Claim checks #117809 through #118068 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of \$1,036,757.61

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$908,563.59

3. Motion is to confirm Mayor Sheckler's appointment of Shamsur Bhuiyan to the Des Moines Lodging Tax Committee effective immediately.
4. Motion is to confirm Mayor Sheckler's appointments of Tony Wilson and Janet Sorby to three year terms on the Des Moines Library Board to be effective January 1, 2009.
5. ~~**Motion is to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Normandy Park and the City of Des Moines for the provision of Senior Services in fiscal year 2009 whereby Normandy Park will pay Des Moines for Senior Services in the amount of \$22,728 which represents the amount equal to Normandy Park's pro-rata share of costs for services based on 2008 participation levels and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.**~~ [ED NOTE: Item pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman.]

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman requested Consent Item #5 be removed.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember White and passed unanimously, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as read.

### Consent Item #5 - Interlocal to Provide 2009 Senior Services to Normandy Park

Mayor Pro Tem Sherman expressed hope that we keep up to date with the actual costs of providing senior services to Normandy Park.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember White and passed unanimously, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Normandy Park and the City of Des Moines for the provision of Senior Services in fiscal year 2009 whereby

Normandy Park will pay Des Moines for Senior Services in the amount of \$22,728 which represents the amount equal to Normandy Park's pro-rata share of costs for services based on 2008 participation levels and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

At 8:43 p.m. Mayor Sheckler declared a 10 minute break.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Passenger Only Ferry (POF) - Update

Julia Patterson, member of the King County Ferry District Board of Directors introduced Chris Lund, Executive Director of the Ferry District. Ms. Patterson proceeded to provide the following information:

- *Brief History* - "Mosquito Fleet", WA State Ferries & King County Ferry District
- *Funding* - County-Side property tax levy, State passenger ferry account, federal grants & Fares
- *System Overview* - 7 routes, Capital program (vessels & terminals), creating public/private partnerships and connecting to existing transportation system via shuttle
- *Benefits* - provides additional transportation options, serves as emergency transportation alternative, encourages economic development, promotes tourism and supports sustainable development
- *Current Service* - Financing operation of 2 existing passenger ferry services (West Seattle/Downtown Seattle and Vashon Island/Downtown Seattle), in-house year-round service (Vashon Island/Downtown Seattle 2009 and West Seattle/Downtown Seattle 2010)
- *Future Service* - Up to 5 proposed routes on Lake Washington & Puget Sound, planning process and analysis, and connect to existing transportation system via shuttle.

After considerable discussion, **MOTION** was made by Mayor Sheckler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, that the Council ~~support investigate and direct the City Manager to negotiate a King County Ferry District passenger-only ferry demonstration project between the Des Moines Marina and Pier 50 in Seattle. beginning in either 2010 or 2011 to provide additional transportation options across King County's waterways, serve as an emergency alternative when roadways are closed, encourage regional economic development, better connect communities, and promote tourism and economic development benefiting Des Moines.~~

Ultimately a series of FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS, were accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Seasonal Moorage Rates for 20 and 24 foot slips

Harbormaster Dusenbury advised that over the last decade the off-season vacancy rates in the 20' and 24' slips has steadily increased. He advised that staff is proposing to use some demand pricing to generate extra income in the high-demand months to offset the revenue loss in the winter months. He noted at some point, it will be necessary to go to a true seasonal rate, however at this point, 78% of the slips of this size are still occupied by tenants who keep their

boats moored all year and they pay by the month. He stated staff proposes that as vacancy rates increase we add more slips to the guest moorage program. Also make seasonal rate a permanent part of the rate schedule. The rate would apply to any 20' or 24' who obtained moorage after March 1<sup>st</sup>. The rate would revert to the regular rate after October 31<sup>st</sup> and stay at the regular rate from that time on.

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, that Council direct staff to prepare an ordinance that would implement the addition of seasonal rates for the 20 and 24 foot slips to the Marina's rate schedule as recommended by staff or modified by Council action and place it on the next available consent calendar.

Councilmember Thomasson commented that he would like the draft ordinance to include something about a minimum lease, such as six months.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

**Thank You for Donation**

Mayor Sheckler thanked fellow Councilmembers for their generous donation to the Legacy Foundation in memory of his wife's father who recently passed away.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Mayor Sheckler noted the next regular meeting will be February 26, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab  
City Clerk

**ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING OF 2/12/09**

- Administration to provide a report next month regarding efforts to find a permanent solution for the ongoing operations of the Farmer's Market.