

## REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler in the Council Chambers, 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, #B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Councilmember White.

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 City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Pat Bosmans, Finance Director Paula Henderson, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Planning, Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks, Assistant Director and Transportation Engineer Dan Brewer, Transportation Project Manager Len Madsen and Clerk Autumn Lingle.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Matt Pina, 24040 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Mr. Pina announced his candidacy for Councilmember Position No.1. in the upcoming election.

### BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

#### Legacy Foundation

Councilmember Scott noted that the Bayside Brunch is on Sunday, November 1, 2009. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition and the Alaska gold rush. The brunch will have a “Gold Rush” theme to commemorate this historical event.

#### Mt. Rainier Pool

Councilmember Kaplan stated he participated in a discussion with the City of Normandy Park regarding the Mt. Rainier Pool. The goal is to identify ways to help maintain the pool. More information will follow as ideas, suggestions and support develop. Another meeting will occur in the next two weeks, which should help clarify the direction Normandy Park wishes to pursue.

#### Councilmember Position No. 1

Councilmember Pina announced he would not be running for Council this election.

#### Councilmember Position No. 7

Councilmember White declared she would be seeking reelection this year.

#### Farmers Market

Councilmember Scott reported that she met with the Farmers Market steering committee to discuss tactics to aid in the success of the market this year. The next meeting will involve selecting a board of directors and becoming a 501C3 organization. Opening day will be Saturday, June 6. In addition, the Farmers Market is considering operating on Wednesday evenings if there is enough community support.

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Schools Summit

City Manager Piasecki stated Highline School District has invited him and Council, along with the Burien, SeaTac and Normandy Park Councils and City Managers to a series of meetings called Schools Summit. The initial meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Cedarbrook Conference Center (on S. 188th between Highway 99 and I-5). The main topic will be The Community Schools Program.

Litigation

City Manager Piasecki noted in regard to the lawsuit filed against the City on behalf of Mr. Moore (a person that had been hit while crossing the street) the City recently filed a motion for summary judgment that was granted last Friday. The City is no longer involved in this lawsuit pending any appeal.

Variance for Fiber Optic Cable

City Manager Piasecki stated the Hearing Examiner has granted a variance on an aerial line for fiber optic cable from the highway down to City Hall.

Burn Justice Assistance Program Grant

City Manager Piasecki referred to a past Council meeting when permission was requested for the City to apply for the Burn Justice Program Grant to fund a replacement van for the Court. It is possible for the City to obtain up to \$74,000. The grant has an allocation program that involves a formula that mandates all the Cities engaged in this grant agree on its disbursement or no funds will be awarded. An agreement has tentatively been reached between the Cities involved and King County that will present King County 10% of the award. He requested that Council give him the authority on the City's behalf to sign the agreement that will be part of the application submitted for the grant.

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Thomasson, and passed unanimously, to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, on the City's behalf, as part of the grant application.

50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sanctioned Event

City Manager Piasecki stated Corky's Cellars is reintroducing their Corky's Crush event and has requested it sanctioned as part of the City's Birthday Celebration on July 18, 2009. Council concurred with the sanctioning.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion is to approve the regular minutes of April 2 and 9, 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 #118925 through # 119147 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of \$1,097,853.26

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$436,385.79

3. Motion is to approve Mayor Sheckler's appointments to the Planning Agency of Shannon Hoel to a vacant four year term to expire on December 31, 2012, and Leslie Newman to an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2010.
4. Motion is to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Midway Sewer District for the replacement of Midway's sewer line in the south parking lot of the Marina as part of the "Water Main Replacement Project" and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.[*SEE CORRECTION BELOW*]

DIRECTION/ACTION

Without pulling the April 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes Councilmember Pina requested the following correction be made to page 1, second to the last paragraph, adding to the last sentence *but there is not a proactive effort to connect septic served properties to sewer systems.*

Item #4 pulled by Councilmember Kaplan.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Pina and passed unanimously to approve remaining Consent Calendar.

Item #4 correction made to page 3 of 8; section 4 sub B. \$2,5000.00 was changed to \$2,500.00

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember White, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Midway Sever District for the replacement of Midway's sewer line in the south parking lot of the Marina as part of the Water Main Replacement Project, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, substantially in the form as submitted including the correction on page 3 of 8 under B. \$2,500.00.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

2009 City Budget Short Fall and Balancing Strategies

DIRECTION/ACTION

City Manager Piasecki discussed the following topics to assist in reducing the budget:

- layoffs
- furloughs
- health plan changes
- reduction in pension plan contributions

He estimated approximately \$1 million of ongoing expense has been cut out of the City's budget. Finalization of the budget should be accomplished at the meeting on May 14, 2009. He noted that a financial report is scheduled for the meeting on May 7, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Gateway Project Status and Policy Support

DIRECTION/ACTION

MOTION was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, to authorize the Mayor to form a Policy Committee with the City of SeaTac and the Port of Seattle

to help guide and support the design, construction and funding of the Transportation Gateway Project.

**MOTION AMENDED** by Councilmember Pina, agreed to by the seconder, Councilmember Kaplan, to authorize the Mayor to form a Committee with the City of SeaTac and the Port of Seattle to help generate and support the design, construction and funding of the Transportation Gateway Project Concepts.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

At 9:16 p.m., Mayor Sheckler announced a 10-minute break. Meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

King County Metro Transit Service Reduction Policy

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember White, to direct Councilmember Pina, as the City's representative on the Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee, to state that the City of Des Moines' position regarding the Principles Dealing with King County Metro Transit's reduction of service shall result in service hours by subarea closer to the proportion of revenues raised by subareas.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Historic SR 509 Right-of-way Requesting Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to Transfer to the City for Transportation and Roadway Use

DIRECTION/ACTION

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to authorize Mayor Sheckler to send a letter addressed to Paula Hammond, Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary of Transportation, which requests that ownership of the historic SR509 right of way, between S.216<sup>th</sup> Street and Kent-Des Moines Road, be transferred to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of road, transportation, and public use.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Study Session May 7, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 p.m., **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, and passed unanimously, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by

Autumn Lingle  
Clerk