

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL RETREAT  
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
January 23, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER – The City Council Retreat was called to order by Mayor Sheckler at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL - Present were Mayor Sheckler; Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kaplan; Councilmembers Matt Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson, Melissa Musser.

Councilmember Dan Sherman was absent.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Police Chief Roger Baker; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Interim Economic Development Director Marion Yoshino; City Clerk Sandy Paul.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion was initiated by Department heads who spoke about the accomplishments of 2009 and added comments about ongoing or new initiatives for 2010.

The City Council reviewed and revised its Vision, Mission Statement, Goals, and Strategic Objectives.

Each Council member was given ten colored dots with which to 'vote' on each objective. No more than three dots may be placed on any one objective. Councilmember Sherman, not in attendance, will be given ten dots with which to vote on his selections, following the same rules.

The Vision, Mission Statement and Goals remained unchanged from prior years. They are as follows:

**Vision**

An inviting, livable, safe waterfront community embracing the future while preserving our past.

**Mission Statement**

We protect, preserve, promote, and improve the community by providing leadership and services reflecting the pride and values of Des Moines citizens.

**Goals**

- Protect people and property
- Maintain and enhance the City's infrastructure
- Preserve and enhance livability
- Protect and enhance the natural environment
- Improve economic vitality and development
- Provide efficient and effective City support services by pursuing partnerships with other agencies/entities and through the use of technology and innovative problem solving
- Influence regional and state issues and decisions
- Encourage community involvement through boards, commissions, and committees; stewardship programs; and volunteerism
- Preserve, enhance, and celebrate the historic elements of Des Moines

- Provide diverse active, passive, and social recreational opportunities

Below are the strategic objectives and the number of votes given to each prior to Councilmember Sherman's additions. Completed objectives were eliminated from the previous list and new objectives added. Each objective was then prioritized by 'dot' vote.

### **Strategic Objectives**

1. Review and adopt changes to downtown zoning requirements to include as a minimum height, parking, signage, and setbacks. (11)
2. Facilitate improvement of the Downtown Water System. (10)
3. Facilitate development in the Des Moines Creek Business Park . (9)
4. Complete the revisions to the Downtown Element of the Comprehensive Plan, including traffic management, design guidelines, building heights, and. (9)
5. Restore Police Department staffing levels to the highest level achieved in the past ten years in support of Goal 1 to protect people and property. (8)
6. Initiate a collaborative discussion of the alignment of light rail through south King County from South 200<sup>th</sup> Street to South 272<sup>nd</sup> (6)
7. Implement the Beach Park Master Plan. (3)
8. Develop/implement a strategy to promote the City locally, regionally, statewide, and. (3)
9. Explore the "Priorities of Government" budgeting process. (1)
10. Complete the reformatting and re-organizing of the Zoning.
11. Implement the Marina Master Plan.
12. Review and revise the subdivision requirements in the Zoning Code before completing the review and revision of the Zoning Code.
13. Adopt revised Street Standards.
14. Adopt and implement the Emergency Management Plan.

Council directed staff to add an "in order to" statement at the end of each objective and bring them to an upcoming Council meeting to review.

### DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Council Rules of Procedure were discussed and would be adhered to until such time as they were changed by the Council.

### ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Retreat was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.