

**SPECIAL MEETING  
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
DES MOINES WATER DISTRICT 54  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Sheckler called the Special Joint Meeting of the Des Moines City Council and Water District 54 to order at 6:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Bob Sheckler; Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kaplan; Councilmembers Dan Sherman, Scott Thomasson, Carmen Scott, Melissa Musser, and Matt Pina; City Manager Tony Piasecki; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Building Official Larry Pickard; Warren Perkins, Gray and Osborne; Eric Clarke, King County Water District #54 Commission President Alli Larkin, and Commissioner John Rayback of Water District 54;

DISCUSSION OF MEETING PURPOSE – Councilmember Thomasson, Chair of the City Council Environment Committee, introduced the purpose of the meeting and the expected outcome. The Environment Committee hoped that the City and Water District could reach agreement with how to utilize \$486,000 in federal earmark funds, District capital funds, and possible financing to best serve the Downtown area given the opportunity of the grant and to construct as much as possible of the system this year considering the favorable bid climate this year.

STAFF PRESENTATION OF DOWNTOWN WATER SYSTEM PROJECT – Assistant Director of Utilities and Environmental Engineering Loren Reinhold presented historical information and background on the Downtown Water System Project assisted by Power Point slides.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT - Councilmembers and Water District Commissioners discussed the project. Available between the two agencies was calculated to be \$930,000. Councilmembers and Commissioners asked themselves how they could get the largest value for the \$930,000 available to them to spend. Or, if a scope of work were determined that would require completion of an entire concept, would the group be willing to secure funding?

SUMMARY AND WRAP-UP – Both groups wanted to begin the larger Downtown Water Project, as outlined, managed by both parties. Additional funds could be received from rate revenues and latecomer agreements. Some funds could be gained through 'main' surcharge fees. The City would provide 'front' money. An ILA could be prepared by City Staff to establish the managing agreement. The City could be willing to commit to some level of debt, if necessary, in order to complete the larger project. The District could reimburse the City for the cost of cross-street waterlines.

Realizing that to begin planning and design now, April 2010, construction could begin, at the earliest, in the fall of 2010. A construction date of Summer 2011 was a more realistic expectation.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.