

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 22, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Sheckler called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Scott led the assembly in the flag salute.

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

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Attorney Susan Mahoney; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Parks and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Police Chief Roger Baker; City Clerk Sandy Paul

CORRESPONDENCE – There was no correspondence.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bruce Roberts, 1811 South 251st Place, commented on a recent construction job during which a community sprinkler system was dug up, destroyed, then reburied in its broken state. When he inquired at City offices, he was told that the system was on City right-of-way and the City would not replace it. He expected that perhaps the Homeowner's Association might have been notified before it found the system in disrepair.

City staff would look into the issue.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott commented that the City Currents would be arriving at all homes in Des Moines at a reduced cost to the City following the combination of the Parks Handbook and City Newsletter. She also reported that the Arts Commission was busy sponsoring four concerts and an Art Walk for this summer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan had no report.

Councilmember Musser reported meeting with the Senior Services Advisory Committee. Highline Community College and Wesley Homes were partners in a Culture Fest on May 20. Admission is \$8 for food, cultural displays and activities. Shuttles will run from the Activity Center. The new goals of the Senior Services Advisory Committee will be inclusive of seniors of all cultures. Councilmember Musser announced that the large landscape pots in the courtyard at City Hall would be planted for Earth Day by 6th, 7th, and 8th graders prior to a work stop at Big Catch Plaza.

Councilmember Pina reported on attending the Youth Suicide Prevention Forum with Councilmember Sherman on Thursday, April 15. The goal was to increase education about suicide by teens who felt there were no other options for them. Councilmember Pina had also been invited to attend a Highline School District Cities in Schools project and he got involved. Highline was preparing a grant application, part of federal stimulus money, to promote healthy eating, healthy lifestyle, and healthy habits. Councilmember Pina regrets that he cannot find more time in his schedule to be a vital participant with Suburban Cities Association. Mayor Sheckler said he would work to find a replacement.

Councilmember Thomasson had no report.

Councilmember Sherman commented additionally on the Youth Suicide Prevention Forum. He said the group has been around for some time. He said teens, all kids, may be depressed and no one would realize the problem. He said the group provides help for families, children, friends. The National Suicide Prevention hotline number is 1.800.273.TALK.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Sheckler had no report.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

City Manager Tony Piasecki spoke about the City Currents being combined with the Parks and Recreation Brochure. He mentioned that one article said Mayor Sheckler had recently been elected to his third term. In fact, Mayor Sheckler is now serving his fourth term.

Design Guidelines were placed in all City Council mailboxes today in order for them to be studied in preparation for discussion at the May 6 Study Session.

The Vision, Mission and Goals, as revised at their retreat on January 23, 2010, have been printed and will be posted throughout City Hall.

CM Piasecki reported having been invited to join the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Resolution Committee. This committee discusses the legislative agenda that will be supported by AWC. Meetings occur two to three times per year. He has accepted.

Sabrina Register of cable Headline News contacted the City to spotlight Des Moines in an upcoming spot. She was most interested in the Marina and Beach Park. Mayor Sheckler said he would make himself available. Harbormaster Dusenbury and Parks Director Thorell would also be available.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Motion is to approve Minutes of the Meetings of April 8, 2010.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Due to the shortage of Finance staff, no vouchers were prepared.

3. DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 10-046, TO CORRECT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION IN ORDINANCE 1435 VACATING AN ADDITIONAL PORTION OF 24TH AVENUE SOUTH

Motion 3a is to suspend City Council Rule 26b allowing for the adoption of Draft Ordinance No. 10-046 on first reading.

Motion 3b is to adopt Draft Ordinance No. 10-046 amending Ordinance No. 1435 to clarify the legal description of certain portions of public right-of-way at South 241st Street and 24th Avenue South vacated pursuant to Ordinance No. 1435.

4. DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 10-055, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2.12 DMMC REGARDING EMPLOYEE POLICIES

Motion 4a is to suspend Council Rule 26(b) in order to pass Draft Ordinance No. 10-055 on first reading.

Motion 4b is to approve Draft Ordinance No. 10-055 amending chapter 2.12 DMMC, adding a definition section, creating a pay plan and pay schedule for Temporary/Seasonal or Intermittent employees, and giving authority to the City Manager for setting the hourly pay rates and benefits for Temporary/Seasonal or Intermittent employees.

5. CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES ON THE NORTH TWIN BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion is to approve the Consultant Agreement that will provide for Construction Management and Inspection Services on the North Twin Bridge Improvement Project with Exeltech Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$395,266.10; authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the Agreement substantially in the form as submitted; and authorize the City Manager to approve Supplements to the Agreement as necessary up to an amount of \$40,000.00

ACTION/DIRECTION

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda- Motion was made by Councilmember Sherman and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan. The vote was unanimously ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed to hold an Executive Session for twenty minutes to discuss Labor Negotiations. The Executive Session was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Sheckler; Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kaplan; Councilmembers Matt Pina, Carmen Scott, Scott Thomasson, and Melissa Musser. Dan Sherman recused himself. Also present were City Manager Tony Piasecki and Assistant City Manager Lorri Erickson. At 8:20 p.m. an extension of ten minutes was announced. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DONATION BY THE DES MOINES ROTARY CLUB OF A KIOSK AT MARINA

Michael Allen and Jane Gibson of the Rotary Club spoke about the Des Moines Rotary Club proposal to donate an electronic kiosk. The kiosk would be located near the head of the boat ramp. To date \$3900 has been raised to pay for the kiosk. A \$3500 grant was received that must be used by June 30, 2010. The construction work would be complete by that date, but the kiosk would not be placed until September when the site at the boat ramp was ready. Following completion of the kiosk and placing it in September, the City would own it and would manage the content of the information displayed. City staff will work out technical details of the kiosk. The second phase of fundraising would allow the purchase a 42" LCD screen to be installed at the kiosk. Councilmember Scott expressed concerns that the location was the incorrect one, but she agreed that if this kiosk was a success, another could be installed in another location.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Pina moved to remand the kiosk issue to the Finance and Economic Development Committee to discuss rules of use. Councilmember Musser second. The votes were ayes, except for Councilmember Sherman, who voted *no* because he had doubts that the City Council would be consulted over the electronic content.

BREAK – The Council recessed for a ten-minute break at 8:50 p.m. They reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

2. POLICE SERVICES

City Manager Piasecki briefed the council on its several options for Police Services, given that the Chief had announced his retirement effective June 16, 2010. The opportunity to discuss the options had never been better than now.

All Councilmembers were in consensus that they were interested in keeping the Des Moines Police Department for a variety of reasons including local control, emergency response time, special emphasis patrols, Standard Operating Procedures and policies, support for special events, maintenance of City identity. They would support a possible merger with Normandy Park, which makes sense since Des Moines already provides Court and Senior Services.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Mayor Sheckler moved to direct staff to conduct a needs analysis (audit) with the intent to establish a scope of work regarding the Public Safety needs of the City of Des Moines. Councilmember Pina second. Following discussion, the votes were six ayes and one *no*. Councilmember Sherman was the dissenting vote because of his belief that he did not want to fund a needs analysis or audit, work he believed belonged to the new Police Chief.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Study Session Meeting May 6, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Scott moved to adjourn; Councilmember Pina, second. All the votes were ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.