

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
July 8, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Sheckler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The flag salute was led by Councilmember Musser.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Sheckler; Councilmembers Matt Pina, Dan Sherman, Scott Thomasson, and Melissa Musser.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kaplan and Councilmember Carmen Scott were absent. Councilmember Sherman moved to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan and Councilmember Scott; Councilmember Pina, second. All the votes were ayes.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Parks and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Interim Police Chief John O'Leary; Senior Services Manager Sue Padden; Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer; City Clerk Sandy Paul

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Char Shulz, 28456 Soundview Drive, and representing the Legacy Foundation, spoke about the 14-passenger bus being donated to the Senior Center by the Legacy Foundation.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan was absent.

Councilmember Musser reported meeting King County Executive Dow Constantine and spoke about touring some of the locations where possible future development might take place in Des Moines. They also discussed the placement of future light rail. She also said she took a look at the narrow sidewalk at the Marina, discussed at last week's meeting by Arlene Knight, and as a result, has placed the Marina Sidewalk on a future Municipal Facilities meeting agenda.

Councilmember Pina thanked all involved with making the Fireworks Over Des Moines so spectacular. Thanks also went to all who strongly support Des Moines. He commented on mail he had received about the suggestive advertising of Sweet Cheeks Espresso and added that they may not be doing anything illegal. (NOTE: Sweet Cheeks Espresso had been checked out by police officers and the employees there did nothing to break the law.) Lastly, Councilmember Pina mentioned a citizen request to move some mature plants out of the way of construction on South 216<sup>th</sup> Street in order to save them. (NOTE: Staff stated that the shrubs at that location would not be removed because they were not in the construction area.)

Councilmember Thomasson reported on the Joint Special Meeting of the Des Moines and Federal Way City Councils and said they discussed issues of mutual interest and concern including making decisions about future light rail.

Councilmember Sherman asked when budget discussions would begin for 2011 because he wants that conversation to open with generous funding for Human Services. (NOTE: Budget discussion would begin in September, once the City has six to seven months of revenue experience for 2010.)

### PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Sheckler reported that he had been invited to make a second trip to China. He indicated to the City Council that he would be asking the City to fund his air fare since his lodging and meals were paid for by his Chinese hosts.

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

City Manager Piasecki reported that the Edward Byrne Grant funding cycle, the same grant that will fund the remodel of the City Council/Court dais improvement, is now open. This year's allocation is \$17,000, which the Police Department wants to use to buy spike strips, radio equipment, and court/computer tablets.

CM Piasecki also reported that the City's insurer Washington Cities Insurance Association (WCIA) had performed a recent audit of the City's Human Resources records and found a total of sixteen deficiencies including job descriptions and lack of an updated personnel manual. With personnel cutbacks and shortages in staff, the deficiencies have been difficult to address. As part of budget discussions, staff might request Council approval to hire a consultant to perform the work or approve a staff position before a personnel issue also becomes a legal issue.

Several long time businesses have been found to be operating without business licenses, some that the City does business with. A recent desk audit performed by staff disclosed the oversight. The City's business license software has no means to track businesses who may be doing business without a license, even though they may be paying business and occupation taxes, which, it appears, these businesses were. It seems if businesses fail to pay in any given year, the next year the business falls through the cracks of the Tax Tools system and no renewal notice is sent for future renewals. Those businesses will be receiving letters from the City. The City can request payment no further back than three years, due to the statute of limitations.

Denny Steussy, 1912 South 254<sup>th</sup> Street, representing the Arts Commission, reported on a wide variety of activities the Arts Commission is engaged in including free concerts and plays in the park, Poverty Bay Arts Festival, the mural *Honoring Aging*, and Waterland Arts and Music Series. Fall events are currently in the planning stage. Steussy thanked the Council, the City, and all supporters of the Arts Commission in Des Moines.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2010

Item 2: APPROVAL OF FINDINGS:

Motion is to approve 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, which have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the City Council.

Claim checks \$1,329,092.62

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$469,381.61

Total certified Wire Transfers, Voids, A/P & Payroll vouchers are \$1,798,474.23

Item 3: Donation of 14 Passenger Bus from Des Moines Legacy Foundation

Motion is to accept the donation of a 2006 Ford fourteen passenger bus, valued at \$25,803.00 to the City Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department from the Des Moines Legacy Foundation.

Councilmember Pina moved adoption of the Consent Agenda; Councilmember Thomasson, second. The vote was all ayes.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the 2011-2017 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Mayor Sheckler opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m. There was no one in the audience who signed up to speak. The Mayor invited staff to give a short presentation.

Staff explained that only the projects included in the TIP were eligible for grants or loans. The annual updated TIP is due to the state of Washington by August 1. The City of Des Moines prepares its TIP projected to 2030. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is updated every ten years. Revisions to the TIP, suggested by Council at the July 1 Study Session, were highlighted.

Mayor Sheckler invited Councilmembers to comment on the TIP. Councilmembers discussed several individual projects.

Mayor Scheckler asked for any further comments and, seeing none, closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Councilmember Musser moved to approve Draft Resolution No. 10-113 adopting the 2011-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan for the City of Des Moines; Councilmember Pina, second.

Councilmember Musser added to her motion that priority item # 22 on the list, Sound Transit Link Light Rail, should shift to item #16, with all subsequent items renumbering upward. She further said that priority item #75, South 224<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements (Pacific Ridge), should become item #25 with all subsequent items renumbering. The addition was considered as a friendly amendment to the original motion with the concurrence of Councilmember Pina, who seconded the original motion, and with the agreement of the entire Council.

All the votes were ayes on the motion as amended.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution No. 10-133, Brews and Blues Festival

Staff introduced Brian Snure, 27425 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, a Des Moines attorney and member of the Rotary Club, who requested the support of the City and Council for the first annual Blues and Brews Festival to be held on September 25, 2010 from noon to 7:00 p.m. Five blues acts have been secured, fifteen craft brewers are anxious to serve their creations, and food will be served. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds benefit the Rotary Club program to provide musical instrument to students in local schools who cannot afford them. Rotary is working with the Arts Commission to coordinate this event with the Poverty Bay Arts Festival to be held on the same day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. City expenses would be reimbursed by the Blues and Brews Festival.

Councilmember Pina moved to adopt Draft Resolution No. 10-133, authorizing the first annual Brews and Blues Festival on September 25, 2010, at the Des Moines Beach Park and Marina; Councilmember Sherman, second. All the votes were ayes.

Councilmember Musser moved to direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Rotary Club of Des Moines related to the provision of support services and amenities for the event as identified therein, substantially in the form as attached; Councilmember Pina, second. All the votes were ayes.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session held.

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 15, 2010.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Musser moved to adjourn; Councilmember Pina, second. All the votes were ayes. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Sheckler at 8:50 p.m.