

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
October 21, 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 Matt Pina.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Bob Sheckler; Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Matt Pina, Carmen Scott, Dan Sherman, and Scott Thomasson.

Councilmember Melissa Musser was absent.

Councilmember Scott moved to excuse Councilmember Musser; Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan, second. All the votes were ayes.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Municipal Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan; Court Administrator Jennefer Johnson; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Parks & Recreation Director Patrice Thorell; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant Director of Utilities and Environmental Engineering Loren Reinhold; Acting City Clerk Autumn Lingle.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bradley Hawthorne, 22506 Marine View Dr, Des Moines, President of Destination Des Moines, spoke on behalf of Destination Des Moines ( a non-profit organization that promotes the City of Des Moines with events and activities). His organization is a renewal of the original Destination Des Moines, with new board members and by-laws. He requested seed money from Council to assist in the initial foundation of the association. Council requested that he return to them with a forecast of events and required budget.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott noted the Farmers Market is operating for two more Saturdays. October 30<sup>th</sup> is the last Saturday this year, celebrating with the Big Chili Cookoff. She also stated The Legacy Foundation is meeting for the Boatleggers Brunch at Anthony's on Sunday, November 7, 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR (no items)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Balancing Strategies – Continued Discussion

City Manager Tony Piasecki reviewed the financial spreadsheets which included recent changes, revenues, the Levy Lid Lift, expenditures, potential position cuts, furlough days and the 300 plus room hotel project, among other items. He noted his budget recommendations to Council.

At 8:52 p.m., Mayor Sheckler announced a 10-minute break. Meeting resumed at 9:08 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Operating Budget Presentation

Finance Director Paula Henderson presented a slideshow and handout with information about the 2011 operating budget. Information included the budgets for legislative, judicial and executive branches; finance, legal, planning, building & public works, law enforcement and parks, recreation, & senior services departments. She discussed special revenue, debt service, enterprise, and internal service funds.

### 2. Business License Modifications

City Manager Tony Piasecki compared current business license fees to surrounding cities and stated the reasons for the fee change proposals. Stationary and Mobile Vendor Licenses were also reviewed and an increase was suggested (a new ordinance would be required for this change). He noted that the Solicitor License was presently charged no fee but required a \$10 background check for each application submitted.

## ACTION/DIRECTION

Motion was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaplan, to suspend Rule 26(b) in order to enact Draft Ordinance No. 10-169 [*Assigned No. 1494*] on the first reading. Passed 6 to 1, with Councilmember Thomasson opposed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to approve Draft Ordinance No. 10-169 establishing a business license requirement for solicitors wishing to operate within the City limits of Des Moines. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pina, seconded by Councilmember Scott, to approve Draft Resolution No. 10-170 [*Assigned No. 1135*] updating Business License Fees.

Amendment Motion was made by Councilmember Sherman to reduce the Out-of-City License fee to \$50.00. Motion failed due to no second. He stated the higher fee would discourage businesses from working in the City.

Motion was made by Councilmember Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Sherman, to set the fee for Single Family Rental License to be \$0.00. He noted the fee was too high and could not be equitably enforced.

Friendly Amendment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kaplan to keep the fee at \$30.00. It was accepted by maker and seconder, becoming part of the Main Motion. Passed 6 to 1 with Councilmember Pina opposed. He believed \$50.00 was an appropriate fee.

Vote on Main Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. *Business License Amnesty – Moved to October 28, 2010*

### 4. *SWM CIP – Moved to October 28, 2010*

### 5. *Marina CIP– Moved to October 28, 2010*

NEXT MEETING DATE – October 28, 2010

ADJOURNMENT– The meeting was adjourned by gavel at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC  
City Clerk