

**MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL**

**STUDY SESSION
February 2, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro-Tem Pina led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Dan Caldwell, Jeanette Burrage, Bob Sheckler and Carmen Scott.

Councilmember Musser was absent. Councilmember Sheckler moved to excuse Councilmember Musser; Mayor Pro-Tem Pina, second. The motion passed, 6-0.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Assistant City Attorney Tim George; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Interim Police Chief John O’Leary; Land Use Planner Laura Techico; Economic Development Manager Marion Yoshino; City Clerk Sandy Paul

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council meeting was recessed at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of holding an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss litigation with legal counsel. The Executive Session was estimated to last approximately 15 minutes. Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Dan Caldwell, Jeanette Burrage, Bob Sheckler and Carmen Scott. Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Assistant City Attorney Tim George. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. NPDES PROGRAM AND 2013-2018 PERMIT

Land Use Planner II Laura Techico provided an explanation of the goals of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and permit, describing new regulations that would require additional staff time and equipment, resulting in additional costs.

ACTION/DIRECTION

Discussion followed the presentation, but the item was for information only and no action was taken by the Council.

2. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) PRESENTATION - Introduction by Economic Development Manager Marion Yoshino

Rich Shockly, Business Counselor at Highline Community College, explained how Highline works to help businesses find capital for start-up and to stay in business when they struggling to remain open. Blue Vanilla Bakery is one of their success stories.

Joel Mensonides is the local owner of Customized Tours and Charters. He started his business in his Des Moines home and is currently located at the BJ Bjorneby property. He has used the Business Center to help him determine those activities that are most profitable for him in his business. He was responsible for rolling out the Red Carpet of welcome for the recent Changle Sister City Delegation’s visit.

ACTION/DIRECTION

The item was for information only and no direction was requested of Council.

3. UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FROM JANUARY 14, 2012 RETREAT

ACTION/DIRECTION

Councilmember Sheckler moved to accept the City Council Goals and Strategic Objectives from the January 14, 2012 Council Retreat; Mayor Pro-Tem Pina, second.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pina made a friendly amendment to the motion to add to the goals, *continue to explore and develop opportunities in the 89-acre buy out area known as the Des Moines Creek Business Park (DMCBP)*, which was acceptable to the maker of the motion.

Other modifications discussed and acceptable to both maker and seconder of the motion included:

- Short term bullet point #1: replace Wesley Homes with 'Retirement Community'
- Short term bullet point #9: following 'delete' add 'or revise'
- Short term bullet point #11: replace Kent Des Moines Road with 'north municipal boundary at South 210th Street'
- Long term bullet point #5: remove the words 'green lawns' and add a bullet point 'Work with local water utilities to identify ongoing sources of low cost water'
- Long term bullet point #6: Move to the end of the list

Council consensus was reached to *not* prioritize the lists.

The motion as amended passed, 6-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting February 9, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Pina moved to adjourn; Councilmember Scott, second. The motion passed. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC
City Clerk