MINUTES
STUDY SESSION DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The flag salute was led by Mayor Kaplan.

ROLL CALL
Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Dan Caldwell, Melissa Musser, Jeanette Burrage, and Carmen Scott.

Councilmember Bob Sheckler was absent. Mayor Pro-tem Pina moved to excuse Councilmember Sheckler; Councilmember Scott, second; all the votes were *ayes*.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Interim Police Chief John O'Leary; Building Official Larry Pickard; City Clerk Sandy Paul

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Policy Discussion on the Sound Code

Planning Building Public Works Director Grant Fredricks began the discussion with background information about the Sound Code. Maps of noise sound contours as they were in 1998 and as they are projected to be in 2016 and were distributed by Building Official Larry Pickard.

ACTION/DIRECTION
Following discussion of each of six policy questions the City Council asked that the City's existing Sound Code be relaxed and directed staff to write an ordinance that would modify stringent requirements to building and remodeling in Des Moines, making sound improvements advisory.

A public hearing will be held on the new ordinance when it is prepared.

BREAK – The City Council meeting was recessed for a 10-minute break. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council recessed at 9:10 p.m. to hold an Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss an update on litigation per RCW 42.030.110(1).

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

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. The Council meeting was reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

3. SCA Support of Governor's Petition to Federal Government Regarding Change in the Classification of Marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II Substance

City Manager Tony Piasecki introduced the discussion on the Governor's petition to change the classification of Marijuana from a Schedule 1 to a Schedule 2 substance.

Councilmember Musser moved to direct Mayor Pro-Tem Pina to vote in support of the Suburban Cities Association supporting the petition of Governors Gregoire and Chaffee asking the Federal Government to reclassify marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule II drug; Councilmember Burrage, second.

Following discussion, the motion passed 5-1. Councilmember Caldwell voted *no*.

4. **City Council Process**

Mayor Dave Kaplan distributed a prepared list of topics (meetings, meeting agendas, policy review structure, leadership determination and responsibilities, council compensation, and rules of procedure) to be covered in the discussion.

Consensus was reached on a number of items including, but not limited to, meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays but will begin at 7:00 p.m.; keeping study sessions as they are; devising ways to increase public access to conference rooms where committee meetings are held; ceasing to read the Consent Agenda at each meeting; a time specific for public hearings; no change in Council compensation or Council Committees;

Prior to time running out at 10:29 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Pina moved to extend the meeting for ten minutes; Councilmember Musser, second. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Rules of Procedure will be reviewed for typos and corrected all at once.

Staff was directed to draft an ordinance for the Consent Agenda to change the Council meeting time to 7:00 p.m. and discontinue reading the Consent Calendar.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting March 8, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Councilmember Caldwell moved to adjourn; Mayor Pro-Tem Pina, second. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC
City Clerk