

STUDY SESSION DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL – June 7, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG -The flag salute was led by Councilmember Sheckler.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Planning Manager Denise Lathrop; Development Services Manager Robert Ruth; Senior Planner Jason Sullivan; Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Uhrich; City Clerk Sandy Paul

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 1540 - Motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 1540, approved on May 24, 2012, to amend the minimum building height and to consider that amendment at the June 14, 2012, City Council meeting; second by Councilmember Scott. The motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 1540 passed 7-0.

REPORT

Councilmember Sheckler, with the addition of comments from City Manager Piasecki, reported that the Port of Seattle Commissioners at their meeting unanimously approved the second development agreement between Benaroya, Puget Sound Energy, and the Port of Seattle agreeing to lease 42.3 acres and move their corporate headquarters to Des Moines. Approximately 250 permanent jobs and over 200 construction jobs are estimated to be generated from this project. Six million dollars will be paid to the City of Des Moines for frontage improvements. In addition to family-wage jobs, all retail sales, leasehold, business and occupation, in-lieu and property tax collected will be revenue to the City of Des Moines. The project is expected to go to bid in the fall of 2012, with construction projected to begin in the spring of 2013.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PROPERTY ABATEMENT POLICY DISCUSSION

Planning Building Public Works Director Grant Fredricks and Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Uhrich presented photographs of problem properties in Des Moines, opening the policy discussion. A reduction in open code enforcement cases is due to areas of code enforcement responsibility being shifted to other departments, not necessarily resolution of those cases. Absent a complaint from the public no action is taken.

Council Policy Questions

- Do staff priorities align with Council and community expectations?
- Should additional resources be allocated to code enforcement?
- Should staff develop a 2013 proposal to establish a property abatement fund?

Council direction to staff included increasing some individual goals within each priority and discussing abatement solutions as a part of budget planning.

2. PACIFIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR POLICY DISCUSSION

Planning Manager Denise Lathrop and Senior Planner Jason Sullivan opened the policy discussion on the Pacific Highway Corridor.

Councilmember Sheckler moved to direct staff to develop a Sub-Area Plan for the Midway Neighborhood; second by Councilmember Musser. Following discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Sheckler moved to direct staff to add *Review of the Pacific Ridge Element of the Des Moines Comprehensive Plan* to the docket for the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendments; second by Councilmember Musser. Following discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Sheckler moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amending Ordinance 1298 in order to extend the date of the review of the Pacific Ridge SEPA Planned Action to no later than 2014; second by Councilmember Musser. Following discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting June 14, 2012

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the City Council, Councilmember Musser moved to adjourn; Councilmember Pina, second. The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC
City Clerk