

MINUTES

STUDY SESSION DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL 21630 11th Avenue South, City Council Chambers

November 1, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – 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; Police Chief George Delgado; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Finance Operations Manager Cecilia Pollock; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Parks Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer; Planning Manager Denise Lathrop; Associate Transportation Engineer Brandon Carver; City Clerk Sandy Paul

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

David Torseth, 620 South 227th, spoke about pedestrian safety and thanked the Council for doing the walking audit along Marine View Drive. He added that maintenance at 227th Street would assist in slowing drivers down to pay more attention to pedestrians. He is also in favor of the Marina/Beach Park Stakeholders recommendations.

City Manager Tony Piasecki announced that City Clerk Sandy Paul-Lyle would be retiring in December and Bonnie Wilkins has been selected as the next City Clerk.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. MCI 2013-2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Parks Recreation Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell spoke about park projects completed in 2012. Fewer projects are scheduled for 2013 due to scarce resources and many of those scheduled were dependent upon in-coming grants. Marina District banners and reader boards are not funded with city money. King County parks levy passed in 2007 pays for Barnes Creek improvements. The levy expires in 2013 and will be placed on a future ballot for renewal. The playgrounds at Beach Park and Parkside would be improved with grant funds if they are available. Several other partial projects will be funded from grants, if and when those grants are received, and contingent upon an upswing in the economy.

2. Chief Delgado provided an update on some violent crimes within the City in the past week involving shootings.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(i). Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Dan Caldwell, Melissa Musser, Jeanette Burrage, Bob Sheckler and Carmen Scott. Also present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Police Chief George Delgado; Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer; and Associate Transportation Engineer Brandon Carver.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

4. MARINE VIEW DRIVE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS

Associate Transportation Engineer Brandon Carver discussed pedestrian issues, studies and remedies on Marine View Drive for City Council information. Presented were several pedestrian safety ideas and solutions. Improvements that can be accomplished under City Manager authority will be done immediately. Other improvements will be brought back to council following appropriate bidding procedures.

5. MARINA & BEACH PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN BRIEFING - ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury introduced Marina & Beach Park Advisory Committee Chair Tony Hettler who talked about development pros and cons and preferred options at the Marina and Beach Park.

Kapena Floen, Burke Associates, spoke about the four major options

An open house will be held in Council Chambers on December 6, 2012 to gather public comments.

The Council held a question and answer period following the presentation. The Council appreciated the visionary work of the Advisory Committee.

6. BREAK

The City Council took a 5 minute break at 8:45 p.m. during which Councilmember Sheckler left the City Council meeting.

7. 2013 BUDGET

City Manager Tony Piasecki announced that the PSE project on the Des Moines Creek Business Park property would not be moving forward at this time.

Finance Director Paula Henderson opened the Budget discussion.

Thursday, November 8, 2012, is the Public Hearing on the 2013 Tax Levy and 2013 Budget.

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, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting November 8, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC
City Clerk