

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 27, 2000

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler, Councilmembers Terry Brazil, Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Public Works Director Tim Heydon and City Clerk Denis Staab.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

SW King County Developers Forum

Councilmember Kaplan reported attending the Developers Forum held Wednesday, January 26th. He advised that Councilmembers and staff attended from various cities throughout southwest King County. He felt the meeting was very informative as developers expressed what they look for in regards to new projects such as predictability, timeliness, and cost estimating.

Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember Brazil advised that he has been re-appointed to serve on the Economic Development Council and the Growth Management Planning Council. He further noted that Councilmember Sherman has been re-appointed to serve on the King County Board of Health.

Councilmember Brazil noted that Councilmembers have been furnished with a copy of a letter to Mayor Thomasson regarding the City of Bellevue's request to be given a seat on the Puget Sound Regional Council. He encouraged Council to carefully review this letter.

Des Moines Historical Society

Councilmember Sherman reported that last night he attended a recognition dinner of the Des Moines Historical Society. The purpose was to recognize three volunteers, Fervid Trimble, Jerine Echart and Jim Polhamus. He advised that the Society has received a grant for photo preservation and has applied for a grant for some refurbishing of the facility. He noted the Society is planning for upcoming activities including a open house in April or May. He encouraged anyone interested in volunteering or participating in the Historical Society to contact Carol Davis at 206-824-2215.

Highline Times

Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler acknowledged the presence of Maggie Larrick in the audience. He noted that she has been promoted from reporter to editor.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Council Committee Appointments for year 2000

Mayor Thomasson announced the following committee and liaison appointments for the year 2000:

- ENVIRONMENT: Bob Sheckler, Chair; Dave Kaplan & Scott Thomasson
- MUNICIPAL FACILITIES: Gary Towe, Chair; Bob Sheckler & Don Wasson
- PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION: Dan Sherman, Chair; Scott Thomasson & Gary Towe
- HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: Gary Towe
- PLANNING AGENCY: Dave Kaplan
- SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Bob Sheckler

It was noted that Councilmember Sherman was previously appointed to the South County Area Transportation Board, but an alternate stills needs to be appointed. Councilmember Sherman noted that when the City hires the new Transportation Engineer that they will be the appropriate alternate, but until that time he would suggest the Public Works Director be the alternate.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler and passed unanimously, that the City's Public Works Director be the temporary alternate.

Mayor Thomasson noted that several franchises are scheduled for upcoming negotiations. He questioned which members would be interested in serving on an ad hoc Franchise Review Committee. Councilmembers Kaplan, Towe and Brazil expressed interest. Mayor Thomasson stated he will review a schedule with the City Manager and announce this at a later meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SW King County Developers Roundtable

City Manager Olander remarked that he attended the meeting referenced earlier by Councilmember Kaplan. He advised that the meeting was well attended and, in his opinion, it reinforced the direction Council is taking in regards to Pacific Ridge.

Presentation: Employee of the Year

City Manager Olander announced that Bill Miller of the City's Park and Recreation Department, has been named Employee of the Year by his fellow employees. He remarked that Mr. Miller displays outstanding skills in following the employee motto of "Sails With Pride." He presented Mr. Miller with a plaque, desk clock and announced he will receive a day of vacation.

Park and Recreation Director Thorell, and Mr. Miller's fellow department employees, congratulated him for the recognition of being an outstanding leader and employee of the City of Des Moines.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of January 6 and 13, 2000.
2. Findings: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.080, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the City Council.

Motion: As of this date the Des Moines City Council, by unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and payroll transfers included in the above list and further described as follows:

Claim check # 70115 through # 70302 in the total amount of \$ 290,763.83

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$ 269,046.65

3. Motion is to remand the Transportation Comprehensive Plan Update to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee for review.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler, to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

Minutes Correction - Councilmember Sherman requested that page 3, 3rd paragraph from the bottom of the January 6, 2000 Minutes, be stricken. He noted after review of the meeting tape, the City Clerk determined that he did not make the comments as noted.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Revision

Mayor Thomasson announced that New Business will be taken before Old Business on tonight's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution No. 00-014 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 879] Lakehaven's Comprehensive Water System Plan Update

Public Works Director Heydon reviewed the history of this item, advising that the proposed Plan was presented to Des Moines City Council at the January 14, 1999 Council meeting. Council had many questions, many of which were not answered. On April 22, 1999, Council adopted Resolution No. 865 rejecting the Water System Plan Update. Since that time the Public Works Director has met with Lakehaven staff in an effort to resolve disputed issues. Changes have now been incorporated into the Comprehensive Water System Plan that address Council's concerns, and staff is recommending that City Council approve the updated plan by adopting Draft Resolution No. 00-014. Mr. Heydon advised Council that this has been a good process and that it has helped improve communication and cooperation between the Utility District and the City. In conclusion, he advised that Lakehaven Utility staff are present tonight to answer any further questions Council may have.

Don Perry, General Manager of Lakehaven Utility District, addressed the Council noting that the District cut back some of the earlier proposed rate increases to only 8%. He also stated that the earlier proposed hook-up rates has also been considerably reduced.

Mayor Thomasson read Draft Resolution No. 00-014 by title into the record.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler and passed unanimously, to approve Draft Resolution No. 00-014, adopting the Lakehaven Utility District's Comprehensive Water Plan Update, dated November 1998, as revised in February 1999 and amended on September 14, 1999.

Upon questioning by Mayor Thomasson, City Attorney McLean noted that the resolution should be amended after RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS to read: "The Des Moines City Council hereby approves the Lakehaven Utility District Comprehensive Water Plan Update, dated November 1998, as revised in February 1999 and amended on September 14, 1999." This was accepted as a friendly amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Draft Ordinance No. 00-013 [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 1254] - Correction of Subdivision Errors of 12th Avenue South Right-of-way Purchase - 1st Reading

City Attorney McLean explained the history of the approved purchase of property for public purposes that Council had previously approved. He advised that the purpose of the ordinance would be to correct an error made by the property owner regarding sale and subdivision of the property, that has seriously clouded the title of the property. He requested Council approval.

Mayor Thomasson read the draft ordinance by title into the record.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Brazil and passed unanimously, to suspend Council Rule 26(b) to enact the ordinance on first reading.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Towe and passed unanimously, to enact Draft Ordinance No. 00-013, approving the purchase of a piece of property used as 12th Avenue South, ratifying and confirming the division of land undertaken in anticipation of this purchase; and temporarily waiving and suspending any provisions of state or City subdivision codes that might be inconsistent with the intent and purposes of this ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

Pacific Ridge Zoning Regulations - Draft Ordinance No. 99-015

Community Development Director Kilgore noted that Planning Manager Loch is at a meeting this evening with residents of the South 224th and 30th Avenue South, along with the King County Assessor, Scott Nobel. She advised Council that this meeting was called by the residents and is a follow up to concerns expressed at the scoping meeting regarding the possibility of an increase in property taxes prior to redevelopment. She further advised Council on the following:

- The EIS Scoping for the project ended on January 14th with no written comments received.
- The EIS Scoping meeting was held January 12th with 12 people in attendance and no one spoke in opposition, but posed questions for more information.
- The Planning Agency met on January 24th regarding non-conforming uses. The Agency expressed a sincere desire to participate and assist in the project.

Community Development Director Kilgore reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Pacific Ridge Planning Project.

8:20 p.m. Mayor Thomasson called for a 10 minute break.

Community Development Director Kilgore began a review of Draft ordinance No. 99-015 starting with Purpose on page 9. Discussion and comments were as follows:

- Page 17 (5) - Mayor Thomasson remarked that he felt 50 sq. ft. of recreation space per unit, was too small. Why should the requirement be smaller in this area than the rest of the City.

- Page 17 (6)(e) - What exactly would it permit, what would not be allowed and what controls would be in place.
- Page 17 (6)(g) - Exactly what is miscellaneous storage - the way it is written is too broad.
- Page 2, fourth Whereas - Councilmember Sherman requested this be removed.
- Page 19 (11)(c) - Mayor Thomasson noted that high voltage lines may have to be exempt, along with the sub-station located in the area.
- Page 20 (13)(a)(ii) - Mayor Thomasson questioned storage of gasoline in apartments.
- Page 21 (14) - Mayor Thomasson stated that the Code should not be waived arbitrarily. Needs some criteria - as written gives too broad of authority.
- Page 21 (6)(a) - Not clear whether it covers inside or outside pools.
- Page 21 (8) - Mayor Thomasson commented that there is quite a variation in finished and sidewalk grades in this area, clarify which sidewalk would be used for corner and through lots.
- Page 23 (17) - Community Development Director advised waiting until design guidelines have been developed before completion of this section.
- Page 27 (18) - Mayor Thomasson noted that this should address existing easements that utilities may have.
- Page 27 (18)(a)(ii) - Mayor Thomasson felt this should contain reference to driveway sight distance and other safety issues.
- Page 31 Signage - Community Development Director Kilgore advised that signage has been reduced and certain types prohibited. She noted a good example was the signage allowed for the Ramada Inn.
- Page 43(20) - Community Development Director noted that limitations have been placed to control the number of off-street parking.
 - Councilmember Brazil commented that even residential needs a minimum of two parking spaces.
 - Mayor Thomasson noted that a formula should be developed for multifamily visitor parking and close attention should be given to the size of the parking spaces.
- Page 24 Building Height - Councilmember Sherman stated that he feels it is poor planning to allow building height to 55 feet on the west side of Pacific Highway where it abuts single family zoning. He stated it should bear a closer relationship to the heights allowed in the single family zones, and felt that requirements should be in place for tiering of the structures.

P.O.W. & M.I.A. Flag

Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler noted that a special POW/MIA flag is currently being flown at all Post Offices, the White House and other Federal buildings, and in 30 Washington state cities. He questioned whether Council would be interested in flying such a flag all the time or on certain appropriate holidays.

Councilmember Sherman commented that perhaps flying the flag of Veterans of Foreign Wars might be more encompassing. He requested Administration investigate the most appropriate flag.

City Manager Olander advised that it would probably be best if a flag of this type was flown on appropriate holidays rather than year-round.

Council's consensus was to have staff draft an appropriate resolution for future consideration.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson announced that the next meeting will be a study session on February 3, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk