REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES February 10, 2005

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler in the City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag was led by Councilmember Petersen.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Thomasson, Councilmembers Richard Benjamin (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Gary Petersen, Maggie Steenrod, and Susan White. Absent: Councilmember Dan Sherman. Also present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Attorney Richard Brown, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Assistant City Engineer Maiya Andrews, Finance Director Paula Henderson, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufty.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember White, and passed unanimously to excuse Councilmember Sherman from attendance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chris Gower, 16457 12th Avenue SW, Burien

Mr. Gower provided Council with information regarding the percentage of overweight trucks hauling material to the Third Runway project. While the trucks do not travel on City of Des Moines' roads, Mr. Gower said that the damage to the roadways caused by overweight vehicles was of interest to the city's constituents who drive on the roads.

At 7:38 p.m., Councilmember Benjamin arrived.

In response to Councilmember Petersen's questioning regarding whether the figures reflected the vehicles actual axle weight capacity, Mr. Gower explained that the data was obtained from the Port's contractor through a public disclosure request.

Jane Ipsen, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Ipsen voiced appreciation and support for Council's strategic planning process. She recommended that economic development continue to be integrated into the strategic plan. Ms. Ipsen noted that the Chamber of Commerce was undertaking the same process.

Ric Jacobson, 22511 Marine View Drive

On behalf of the Rotary Club, Mr. Jacobson presented the Mayor with a check in the amount of $15,893.36 for the City's share of the Haunted House proceeds.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Committee

Councilmember Steenrod asked citizens to submit comments regarding the economic development strategy to the Economic Development Committee.

Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember White reported that she had met with Karen Gorowski of Suburban Cities Association to review the business from the last meeting. She noted that the streamlined sales tax issue would most likely not be a key issue of the association at this time.

Economic Development Committee

Councilmember White announced that the Economic Development Committee would meet February 11, 2005.

Association of Washington Cities State of Cities Report

Councilmember White recommended that information from the State of Cities Report be placed on the City's website.

Public Safety and Transportation

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson informed Council that the committee had received a new draft of the false alarm ordinance.

Ad Hoc Land Use Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson noted that the committee had met February 4, 2005. Committee meetings were scheduled for the first and third Friday of every month.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

South County Area Transportation Board

Mayor Sheckler reported that King County Executive Ron Sims had requested that a City representative be appointed to the South County Area Transportation Board.

MOTION was made by Mayor Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod, and passed unanimously to elect Councilmember Sherman to serve as representative to the South County Area Transportation Board and Public Works Director Tim Heydon to serve as Alternate.

Agenda Item Format Revision

Mayor Sheckler announced that a policy issue section would be added to the agenda item format.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Chinese New Year

Councilmember Benjamin wished everyone a Happy Chinese New Year.

Potential Highline School District Boundary Changes

Councilmember Steenrod read an e-mail from Mr. Matson regarding potential Highline School District boundary changes. A decision on the boundaries was expected by April 20, 2005. Councilmember Steenrod encouraged interested individuals to attend the meetings of the School Board on February 16, 2005 at Valley View Elementary, March 9, 2005 at Sunnydale Elementary and March 23, 2005 at Olympic Intermediate.

King County Housing Authority

Councilmember Steenrod announced that the King County Housing Authority would be conducting a meeting on February 14, 2005, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at White Center Heights Elementary School to discuss retroactive cuts to their program.

Des Moines Senior Center Senior Prom

Councilmember Steenrod said that the Senior Prom conducted by the Senior Center was a great event.

Mayor Sheckler noted that he and Councilmembers Steenrod and White had served as celebrity waiters at the event. He read a "thank you" note from Don and Beverly Carmignani which included a $6 tip/donation for Councilmember Steenrod's services.

National Register of Historic Places

Councilmember White read a letter from Allison Brooks, Ph.D. of the Office of Community Development Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation noting that the Des Moines Beach Park had been recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. She thanked staff, Council, and Carmen Scott for their efforts on this project. Councilmember White announced that she would be going to Washington, DC with the Historic Trust Board.

South County Community Network

Councilmember White distributed information and calendars regarding human services needs in the south county.

Zoning Code Rewrite

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he and Councilmember Sherman believed that the zoning code rewrite warranted a higher level of involvement from Council. He suggested that the code be reviewed at study sessions.

Councilmember White said that the rewrite involved format changes only at this time. She agreed that the subject should be presented to Council on a monthly basis.

Mayor Sheckler agreed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

New Finance Operations Manager

City Manager Piasecki announced that Cecilia Pollock had been hired to serve as Finance Operations Manager for the City.

Turn Lane on Kent Des Moines Road

City Manager Piasecki reported that the right hand turn lane on Kent-Des Moines Road between I-5 and Pacific Highway South was now open.

Marine View Drive Bridge Project Bids

City Manager Piasecki informed Council that the Marine View Drive Bridge project bids had come in substantially higher than anticipated. Staff was in the process of reviewing them.

Public Assess Channel

City Manager Piasecki asked the public to call if they noticed problems with the new public assess channel's operation.

Planning, Building, Public Works Departments Reorganization

City Manager Piasecki announced that the opening for the department director's position would be advertised next week.

Community Summit

City Manager Piasecki noted that a Community Summit to discuss the economic development strategy, the zoning code revision, and the public safety strategic plan would be conducted February 16, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Waterland

City Manager Piasecki reported that the Chamber of Commerce would not sponsor a 2005 Waterland Festival. Instead, a "Month of Waterland" would be conducted in July with a calendar of special events scheduled.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufty.

1. Motion is to approve the regular minutes of January 6, and the special and regular minutes of January 13, 2005.
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 42.24.090, 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 checks #97767 through #98004 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of $1,216,385.51
      Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of $353,153.08
3. Motion is to authorize the City Manager to sign the 2005 LHWMP contract amendment for Contract No. D32773D between the City and the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health.
4. Motion is to confirm Mayor Sheckler's appointments to Rena Hamburger to a vacant position on the Senior Services Advisory Committee, and Nova Jones to a vacant position on the Human Services Advisory Committee.
5. Motion is to authorize King County to perform the repair work for the 240th Street Outfall Replacement Project under the existing Interlocal Agreement, at an estimated amount of $27,542 and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve change orders up to an amount of 10% of the approved dollar amount.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, and passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

AGENDA REVISION

Mayor Sheckler announced that the items under New Business would be discussed first.

NEW BUSINESS

City Council Travel and Conference Funding

Mayor Sheckler introduced the subject.

Councilmember White spoke in favor of designating money for Council travel. She said that Council should be at the table with other jurisdictions as participation often served as a catalyst for other projects.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson's questioning, City Manager Piasecki estimated that $9,000 for Council travel and registrations had been cut from the 2005 budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he would support funding travel.

Councilmember Steenrod acknowledged that there were benefits to the trips but felt that Council should find other ways to meet with key groups. She said that Council should meet with the State senators while they were in-state.

Councilmember Benjamin said that he would not support any funding for Council travel at this time.

Councilmember Steenrod recommended that a list of proposed trips and their expected expenses be presented to Council for approval.

Councilmember Petersen suggested that Council review travel requests on a case by case basis.

MOTION was made by Mayor Sheckler and seconded by Councilmember White to transfer $6,000 from the Airport Defense Fund for Council travel and registrations.

City Manager Piasecki noted that the motion would require five votes.

Mayor Sheckler **withdrew his motion**.

Draft Ordinance No. 05-028 ***[Assigned Ord. No. 1359]*** Salt Water State Park Bridge Repairs

Assistant City Engineer Andrews introduced the subject. She noted that King County was prepared to start the project on February 14, 2005 if the funding was approved.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod and passed unanimously to authorize King County to perform roadway/bridge repairs to Saltwater State Park Bridge under the existing signed Interlocal Agreement for road and bridge maintenance services at an estimated amount of $40,000.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson and seconded by Councilmember Steenrod to suspend Rule 26(b) in order to enact Draft Ordinance No. 05-028 on its first reading. **VOTE ON MOTION**: Motion passed, 5 – 1, with Councilmember Benjamin opposed.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson and seconded by Councilmember Petersen to enact Draft Ordinance No. 05-028 transferring money from the Arterial Streets ending fund balance to a new project for Saltwater State Park Bridge repair.

City Manager Piasecki read the title of the proposed ordinance into the record.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:44 p.m., Mayor Sheckler declared a ten-minute break.

OLD BUSINESS

City Council's Vision and Mission Statements, and Strategic Objectives

City Manager Piasecki displayed the following vision and mission statements:

Vision Statement: A friendly and safe waterfront community embracing the future while preserving our past.

Mission Statement: We enrich the community by providing leadership, administration, and services reflecting the pride and values of Des Moines.

City Manager Piasecki reviewed the following potential strategic objective headings previously identified by Council:

1. Economic Vitality
2. Livable Neighborhoods
3. Regional/State Participation
4. Promoting the City of Des Moines
5. Infrastructure
6. Community Services

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson suggested that Strategic Objective Nos. 1 and 4 be merged and Strategic Objective No. 5 be retitled "Infrastructure and Facilities". He also proposed a new administration category.

Councilmember White agreed with the merger of Strategic Objective Nos. 1 and 4. She stated that she had not attended the Council retreat but felt that Renton had provided an excellent model. She suggested that the information under each strategic objective focus on projects the City was currently doing.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson suggested that Council build consensus on the projects they wanted to accomplish within a certain time span. He envisioned the list as a "To Do" list. If the City was already doing something, it should not be placed on the list.

Councilmember Steenrod suggested that the Strategic Objectives be listed in order of priority with Regional/State Participation listed last. She said that participation was a means to achieve a goal rather than the goal itself. Councilmember Steenrod felt that the information was not a "To Do" list but an identification of the City's goals.

Councilmember Benjamin asked that straightening the Des Moines/Kent border and funding be listed under Regional/State Participation.

Council reviewed the City of Renton's strategic plan document.

Councilmember Steenrod and White urged Council to adopt Renton's strategic plan headings.

Councilmember Steenrod said that the development and implementation of a 5-Year financial plan and the adoption of a land use code that provides social and economic sustainability for the community should be priorities under “Promote Citywide Economic Development”.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson made the following comments:

- The 5-Year financial plan deals with Administration rather than Economic Development.
- “Social sustainability” needs defined.
- “Complete and implement the economic development strategy” should be the first goal.
- The Zoning Code and Land Use updates should be placed under “Promote Neighborhood Revitalization”.

Mayor Sheckler said that the development of a 5-Year financial plan was not necessary to economic development promotion. He voiced support for developing a strategy for retail sales at the Marina, downtown, and Pacific Highway South areas. He felt that the streamlining of the budget process should not be listed under economic development.

Councilmember White said that updating the land use code should be the number one priority under Economic Development.

Mayor Sheckler and Councilmember White said that it might be most effective to develop the subcategories of the Strategic Objectives during a Council retreat.

Councilmember Benjamin said that the City should become more self-reliant. He voiced support for the following economic development objectives:

- Focus redevelopment efforts in Downtown, North Central and Pacific Ridge neighborhoods.
- Develop long range economic development strategy for the area south of Kent-Des Moines Road. Work directly with Kent to resolve all boundary issues between the cities.
- Revise and streamline City regulations, rules, standards and procedures to support responsible economic development in the City.
- Continue to develop city-school joint use and field improvements including Community College linkages.
- Explore and capitalize the link between Marina recreational opportunities and the Downtown corridor.

He said that the development of a 5-Year plan should be clarified.

Mayor Sheckler asked if Council wished to continue the discussion in a mini-retreat format.

Councilmember White voiced support for a retreat with a facilitator.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson recommended Council use the existing Strategic Objectives as the discussion starting point. He did not believe a facilitator was necessary.

Councilmember Petersen voiced support for a retreat without a facilitator. He said that Council should begin the process by striking those items not wanted.

Councilmember Steenrod recommended that Council join with other cities to host a results based accountability seminar. She supported a retreat without a facilitator.

Councilmember Benjamin suggested that Council continue to work on the strategic objectives at the Council meeting.

Mayor Sheckler stated that the majority of Council preferred to continue the process in a retreat format with no facilitator. To prepare for the retreat, he asked each Councilmember to identify five bullets under each heading.

Councilmember Steenrod suggested that Chief of Police Baker serve as co-facilitator at the retreat as he has been through the process.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting February 24, 2005

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 p.m., **MOTION** was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod and passed unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk

ACTION ITEM FROM 2/10/05 MEETING

- Schedule a mini-retreat to discuss the Strategic Objectives of the City.