

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES

MINUTES

February 13, 1997

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomasson in the City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Councilmember Sherman.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Bruce Roberts, Bob Sheckler, Dan Sherman and Gary Towe. Absent: Councilmember Don Wasson (vacation). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Building Official Mary Kate Gaviglio, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Civil Engineer Loren Reinhold, Senior Services Supervisor Sue Padden and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and passed unanimously, to excuse Councilmember Wasson.

CORRESPONDENCE

City Manager Olander acknowledged the following correspondence:

Lowell Lucas, Owner of Royal Fabric Care and in charge of Des Moines' Police Reserve Program - Complimenting the City and staff for excellent response during the "holiday storm".

Evelyn Boykan, City of Tukwila, Office of Human Services - Expressing interest in the role of the City in human services. (ED NOTE: Placed in Council's boxes.)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Clark Snure, 27423 8th Avenue South

Mr. Snure complimented the City's crews for their prompt response to the clean-up after the "holiday storm" in the lower Woodmont area where he resides.

Mr. Snure noted that he lives in the area that has been impacted by a slide. He commended the high visibility and concern shown by the staff as the City Manager, Public Works Director, City Attorney and Chief of Police all assured the residents of the steps being taken to safeguard their welfare and property. He informed the Council that 10 of the 15 property owners affected are participating in paying for a geo-tec engineering firm and a contractor at a cost of \$100,000 to solve water/drainage problems. He noted that this includes 3 monitoring wells and tying into a drainage system, but does not begin to pay for repairs to the access road, personal residences or retaining walls. He stated that they have applied for FEMA assistance.

Mr. Snure advised Council that although the City's engineering and public works staff have lent assistance, the residents would hope for some financial help from FEMA as the work they are doing is benefiting property owners well beyond the immediate area. He further advised that if no FEMA funds are available, residents may ask the City to establish an LID to assist in long term financing of the problems.

City Manager Olander stated that the City is working closely with FEMA to obtain grant funds.

Ed Marquardt, 27033 10th Avenue

Pastor Marquardt advised Council that his church provides a 24 hour a day service taking care of human needs, including a before and after school program for children grades 4th through 6th. He noted that the church is working closely with area schools. In conjunction with the update to the City's Human Services Plan, he urged the City to take a strong leadership role to coordinate human service providers and programs.

Xenia Gianetsas, 2121 SW 169th Street

Ms. Gianetsas read a letter from Paula Aviles, Chairman of "Celebrate Arts!" requesting the City help sponsor bringing the Seattle Symphony to a performance at Tyee High School on April 9, 1997, by contributing \$1,500 towards the program.

Frank Jovanovich, 22431 10th Avenue South

Mr. Jovanovich informed Council that he takes great pride in his volunteer efforts working for the Des Moines Food Bank. He advised Council that there is currently over 200 volunteers helping at the Food Bank, but when it comes to Human Services the help and cooperation of the City is needed to do the best job. He encouraged Council to take an active part and provide guidance in the area of Human Services.

Wendy Wiesig, 5526 South 144th

Ms. Wiesig stated she delivers food to the home bound as a volunteer for the Des Moines Food Bank. She requested Council remember the valuable services the food bank provides, when reviewing the Human Services Plan.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community/Senior Center

Councilmember Sheckler announced that there will be a community meeting to review the recommendations for the Community/Senior Center Committee regarding proposed location, uses and types of amenities to be considered for the potential center. The meeting will be on February 20th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Senior Center

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil stated that the Sr. Services Advisory Committee met earlier and discussed the new Seattle program called Home Sharing for Seniors. He advised Council that the Committee felt this is a good idea and has some brochures available for those who might be interested in participating, or call the Senior Center for more information.

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil reported that on February 11th a group of seniors traveled to Olympia. He stated the had an opportunity to meet with all the local state representatives to discuss issues of concern.

Suburban Cities Association

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil reported that he and Councilmember Sherman attended the dinner meeting held last night. There was a presentation by Bruce Lang on the progress of the Metro/King County Council merger.

Councilmember Sherman added that there will be some charter amendments on the November ballot regarding the Metro/King County Council

Paine Field

Councilmember Sherman felt it was noteworthy that Horizon Airlines has begun five flights out of Paine Field to Portland.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

City Manager Evaluation Committee

Mayor Thomasson announced that the Committee is currently evaluating criteria to be used to evaluate the City Manager's performance. He noted the recommendations will be brought to the full council in 2 to 3 weeks. This criteria will be used for future evaluations.

Certificates of Appreciation

Mayor Thomasson announced that certificates have been prepared, and will be mailed to retiring Planning Agency Members Liz Kormondy and Larry Watson, in appreciation of their community service.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Award - Pedestrian Safety

City Manager Olander announced that the City has received a plaque from the American Automobile Association. The plaque represents a pedestrian safety citation for a six year achievement of a fatality free pedestrian safety record.

Award - Employee of the Year

City Manager Olander introduced John Cozart as the City's 1996 Employee of the Year. He presented Mr. Cozart with a plaque and a clock to commemorate this achievement.

Federal Emergency Management Assistance

Mr. Mike Jones, FEMA Community Relations, encouraged citizens and businesses alike to apply for assistance, even rental assistance is available. He advised that he will leave materials in the Council lobby or citizens can call 1-800-462-9029 to apply for grants. He noted that the deadline for filing is March 17th.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of January 23, 1997.
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 #54725 through #54960 in the total amount of \$844,742.65

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$183,918.99

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and passed unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

AGENDA REVISION

Mayor Thomasson announced that the Council will take items of New Business before Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Permit Tracking System Software - Briefing

Building Official Gaviglio noted that Council recognized the need to automate our permit process and approved a CIP funding request for an automated permit tracking system for 1997. She advised Council that permit activity has tripled since 1993 and the need to automate the paper work is greater than ever. She further advised that staff has thoroughly researched several systems and is recommending that Council authorize staff to prepare an RFP for distribution to Sierra Computer Systems, Inc.

Community Development Director Kilgore agreed with the Building Official and informed Council that it is her belief the Sierra Computer System will allow staff to complete development permit processing better, faster and cheaper.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, seconded by Councilmember Towe, to authorize staff to prepare a Request for Proposal for distribution to Sierra Computer System, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

Revision to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement With Sea-Tac Disposal

Community Development Director Kilgore informed Council that because of the City's growth Sea-Tac Disposal has requested that the spring clean event occur during regular pick-up days. She concurs with Sea-Tac disposal that this revision would be more cost efficient to Sea-Tac Disposal and provide more certainty to the public. Staff is recommending that the franchise agreement be revised.

City Attorney McLean informed Council that this type of amendment only requires a majority vote of the Council for approval and no public hearing is required.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Towe, to amend the Sea-Tac Disposal License Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign an amendment substantially in the form as provided in Council's packet material. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Slide Areas Funding

With the use of slides, Civil Engineer Reinhold showed damaged that occurred as a result of the Christmas Week storm and the heavy rainfall occurring afterward, noting that several significant landslides have developed which are endangering a 120' section of Des Moines Memorial Drive and a 300' section of Marine View Drive in Woodmont. He noted that a dozen homes between 8th Place South and the waterfront in the newly annexed area of Woodmont are also in a slow moving slide.

City Manager Olander stated that although the President has declared King County a disaster area and emergency funding (FEMA) will likely be forthcoming for at least part of the cost, Council needs to determine a funding strategy to cover the expense of the repairs until such emergency funds are received. He presented updated costs and recommended the following sources of revenue:

PROJECT 1 - WOODMONT SLIDE AREA

Self Insurance Trust Fund	\$40,000
Engineering/Professional Services	
Deferred Employee Hiring (1 Month)	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$60,000

PROJECT 2 - MARINE VIEW DRIVE

FEMA	\$10,500
Surface Water Management Capital	<u>\$31,500</u>
TOTAL	\$42,000

PROJECT 3 - DES MOINES MEMORIAL DRIVE

FEMA	\$21,000
SWM Capital	\$10,000
Arterial Street Fund (Overlays)	<u>\$47,0000</u>
TOTAL	\$78,000

Upon questioning from Council, City Manager Olander advised that he has received a verbal commitment from FEMA for funding. He requested that Council authorize proceeding with funding scheme and he will bring back any necessary changes to the CIP projects.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Towe, that the City Manager be authorized to spend SWM, Arterial Street and Self Insurance Funds for the projects as outlined in Council's packet. Motion was passed unanimously.

9:10 p.m. Mayor Thomasson declared a 10 minute break.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Human Services Plan - Continued Review and Discussion

City Manager Olander suggested Council take a step back regarding a number of overlapping recommendations and policy issues concerning the draft Human Services Plan. He noted that he is requesting Council direction on two basic questions, with alternatives as noted:

1. *What role should the City of Des Moines take in human services?*

A. Coordinator: A coordinator for local human service efforts by human service agencies, churches, service clubs, school district, the Chamber and local businesses. The City would provide meeting space, phones, and salary for a position to oversee and coordinate human services. This coordination role follows the Human Services Plan recommendation to play an active role in

working with local groups who address human service issues. The City would be analogous to the “hub” of the human services wheel.

B. Participant: The City could encourage the formation of a community wide “interagency coordinating group” made up of churches, Chamber, food bank, health district and the City as example. At some point this group may wish to hire a coordinator, perhaps located at a church facility. The City would be a participant, a supporter, and still provide the 1% funding. The City would be one of many “spokes” of the wheel.

C. Maintain Current Role: The City can maintain its current role as a funder of human services.

2. *What role should the Human Services Advisory Committee have?*

A. Broaden The Committee’s Role: The recommended roles of the human services advisory committee would be: 1) to advise the City Council on policy and budgetary subjects related to human services; 2) to advise the City Council on current and future facilities relating to the delivery of human services 3) to review federal, state and county laws and regulations on the delivery of human services; and 4) to perform such other tasks as are assigned by the City Council.

B. Maintain Current Chartered Committee: The Committee would continue its current functions: 1) determination of priorities of human service needs within the City in accordance with the current human services plan; 2) evaluation and recommendation on funding human service requests submitted to the City; and 3) evaluation and review of the performance of individual human services organization and agencies. The current Committee is to meet a minimum of once each calendar quarter to review reports from funded agencies and to formulate recommendations to the City Council.

In conclusion, City Manager Olander requested Council guidance on these issues.

Councilmember Roberts stated that he is comfortable with the current role the City is playing. He felt that if the City expanded its role, more funds would go to staffing and administration instead of human services.

Councilmember Sheckler expressed agreement with Councilmember Roberts. He noted that Council has not received any complaints from human service organizations.

Councilmember Towe stated that although there are no glaring gaps or deficiencies, he feels the surveys show that the City can improve. He disagreed that there are 3 roles to choose from as the City is a participant now. He stressed the need for the City to be a leader and help shape community wide efforts by allowing the Committee to take a more active role. He felt a Councilmember should chair the committee. He also felt that the Committee’s charter allows for a strong leadership role.

Mayor Thomasson felt the City should continue with its existing participation. He is of the opinion that if the City takes a more aggressive leadership role, volunteers will quit their strong support of these activities. He prefers the “neighbors helping neighbors” ideal, rather than government being the main provider. He is comfortable that the City’s role as it exists.

Councilmember Brazil noted that the Committee's charter states they are a recommending body to the Council and he feels this is satisfactory. He noted that he appreciates the Committee's evaluation and review of requests for funding. He is not comfortable with government getting too involved.

Councilmember Sherman stated that in reality citizens have a lot of needs and in many cases that help is given through family, neighbors and churches. He feels the current role of the City in providing funding is adequate. He further noted that the City's role can be revisited in the future if changing needs indicate it is necessary.

Councilmember Towe questioned how the City can be aware of changing needs. City Manager Olander replied, the same as now. This includes changes in federal laws, requests from human service providers and citizens.

After further discussion, Council's consensus, five to one, was that the City should continue the role it currently has, and that the current role of the Committee should be maintained. Councilmember Towe disagreed.

City Manager Olander stated he will take Council's direction, recast the draft plan and bring a new draft back for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson announced that the next regular meeting is February 27, 1997.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk