

PRELIMINARY
REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 7, 1996

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at in the Council Chambers,. 21630 11th Avenue South at 7:37 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Bruce Roberts, Bob Sheckler, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Absent: Councilmember Dan Sherman (vacation). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Planning Manager Corbitt Loch, Airport Planner Ron Pike, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil and passed unanimously, to excuse Councilmember Sherman.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mike Regeimbal, 1029 South 272nd Street, Representing Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Regeimbal addressed Council regarding Item #3 on the Consent Calendar which calls for a special election on the proposition of whether the City's present council-manager form of government should be abandoned and replaced with a council-mayor plan of government. He informed Council that the Chamber would like to offer their services to hold a public forum on the issue one to three weeks prior to the election to allow opponents and proponents an opportunity to speak publicly. He requested permission to use the Council Chambers for this forum.

Lew Anderson, 1650 South 244th Place

Mr. Anderson brought three items to Council's attention.

1. There is no Des Moines Police Blotter in the newly formatted local paper, the Des Moines News. He felt since a lot of money is budgeted for law enforcement the citizens have a right to know what is happening. He requested the City contact the paper to correct this.
2. He requested that minutes be taken at City Council Committee meetings as he would like to know how members voted or reached consensus on items they are reviewing to make recommendations to Council as a whole. He would like these minutes to be part of the regular Council packet for approval.
3. He noted that the back parking lot, behind City Hall, is very dark. He requested that 3 or 4 motion lights be installed.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

King County Parks, Recreation & Open Space Bond Issue

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil reported that he attended a meeting last Tuesday where the future bond issue was discussed. He advised Council that local allocations by population has been approved. The second point that still needs to be addressed is maintenance and operation of existing

facilities. He reminded Council that Des Moines is concerned because of the Mt. Rainier Swimming Pool. He stated it appears that the ballot issue will be on the September 1996 election ballot. He advised Council that Park and Recreation Director Thorell is working hard to be ready with proposals should the ballot issue pass. He also noted that Suburban Cities has yet to make a decision on whether they will support the bond issue.

Councilmember Towe questioned whether the City would receive credit for the population within the Woodmont/Redondo area if the annexation passes since it would not officially be part of Des Moines until January 1997. City Manager Olander advised that he is not aware of any precedent so this may be an issue the City may wish to negotiate.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

National League of Cities Congressional City Conference

Mayor Thomasson noted that five Councilmembers will be attending the conference to be held in Washington, D.C. March 9th through the 12th. He stated the Councilmembers will have an opportunity to meet with local congressmen and senators to discuss issues of importance to Des Moines.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1995 Haunted House - Rotary

Jo Callow, representing the Des Moines/Midway Rotary Club informed Council that the Haunted House is sponsored by the City of Des Moines, Rotary and Scare Productions. She advised Council that the proceeds are divided among the three. She noted that Rotary gives back their proceeds to the community in the form of scholarships, contributions to charities, the Senior Center, Food Bank, etc.

Mr. Phil Squire, Treasurer of Scare Productions

Mr. Squire noted that over 200 people belong to the non-profit organization who donate their time and efforts to produce the Haunted House. He advised Council that their share of the proceeds go back into the production of the next Haunted House in the form of tools and props.

Ms. Callow presented Council with a check of \$19,000 plus as the City's share of the 1995 Haunted House proceeds, and requested use of the City facility at the Beach Park for the 1996 production.

Mayor Thomasson thanked Ms. Callow for the check, noting that the City has established a specific savings account for the eventual repair and refurbishment of the building that Rotary is being allowed to use.

City Manager Olander advised that there is over \$51,000 in the account which has been established for the last few years.

Des Moines Creek Basin Plan

Public Works Director Heydon noted that this study is expected to be completed by early Fall for Council's review. He advised Council that this is a cooperative effort between Des Moines, the City of SeaTac and King County. Mr. Heydon introduced David Master, Senior Planner for King County Surface Water Management.

Mr. Master informed Council that he is thoroughly enjoying this project and stated it is a truly cooperative inter-jurisdictional project, serving as a role model for the entire state. Mr. Master distributed, and proceeded to review, accomplishments since November 1995 through February 1996. He highlighted many items some of which were:

Coordinated:

- Water quality sampling
- Hydrologic modeling
- Stream quality gauging efforts
- Institute water quality monitoring program
- Response to Midway Sewer District pipeline project
- Assistance to Marine View Drive tunnel replacement
- Addressed 303(d) listing of issues with DOE
- Design assistance to Midway Sewer District for bio-engineering solutions for stabilization of bank failures threatening sewer trunk line.

Mr. Master stated that preliminary results show that areas in SeaTac are the worst offenders. He also noted that there appears to be a fair number of fish below Marine View Drive culvert and quite a bit of wild life including, eagles, raccoons and even a red fox. In conclusion, he noted that a final report should be done around September.

Regulatory Reform

Planning Manager Loch informed Council that the State Legislature passed this legislation last year. The purpose of the reform is to streamline permitting processes. He noted that all permits will run concurrently, rather than consecutively, with one decision, one hearing and one appeal. He advised Council that a public hearing is scheduled for March 21st on a draft ordinance which will implement the regulatory reform in Des Moines. He stated that most of the draft ordinance is housekeeping in nature, however, Council will have to decide where the one public hearing will be held, i.e. City Council, Planning Agency, or the Hearing Examiner. With the use of a view foil, Mr. Loch proceeded to show Council how the process will work and what kind of time frame is mandated for the process to be completed.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of February 15 and 22, 1996.
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 #44210 through #44216 and #50000 through 50240 in the total amount of \$656,217.02

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$329,973.97

3. Draft Resolution No. 96-018 **[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 807]** - Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, referring to the qualified electors of the City at a special election to be held the 4th Tuesday of April 1996 the proposition of whether the City's present council-manager form of government should be abandoned and replaced with a council-mayor plan of government.

MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 96-018.

4. Draft Resolution No. 96-009 **[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 808]** - Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, establishing an advisory committee to investigate the feasibility of creating a "Des Moines Community/Senior Center" for the benefit of the City's residents.

MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 96-009.

5. Draft Resolution No. 96-016 **[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 809]** - Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, authorizing the Des Moines-Midway Rotary Club to conduct the 1996 Haunted House at the Des Moines Beach Park and listing conditions under which such permission is granted.

MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 96-016.

6. Motion is to set a public hearing on April 25, 1996 for Plat Alteration Application File PP 95-063, Applicant Robert Exhenry, for removal of a non-vehicular easement prohibiting rear yard vehicle access and parking at 1847 South 251st Place.

~~7. Motion is to award the contract for the Field House Renovation Project to Lugo Construction, Incorporated in the amount of amount of \$166,178, including tax, plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract. [ED NOTE: This item was removed at the request of Councilmember Wasson and placed under New Business.]~~

8. Motion is to approve the contract with Holnam, Inc. for recycling of materials described in such contract and to authorize the City Manager to sign same.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Roberts, to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

Councilmember Wasson requested that item #7 be removed from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Thomasson placed this as Item #2 under New Business.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezone Request RS 9600 to RM 2400 - 2721 Kent-Des Moines Road - Applicants: Mattson, Rimpler and Fluharty, File # RZ95-050

City Manager Olander announced that the applicant has requested the matter be postponed until March 21st. He informed Council that City Attorney McLean agrees that this matter should be heard at a later date.

City Attorney McLean stated that when this matter comes to Council it will not be a public hearing, but an appeal.

Mayor Thomasson moved this item to March 21, 1996.

NEW BUSINESS

South 216th Street Project - Undergrounding Utilities

Public Works Director Heydon informed Council that the project limits go from Pacific Highway South to the I-5 overpass. The total budget is \$939,200. Approximately 50% is being funded by the State Transportation Improvement Board. The basic elements of the project include widening the arterial to provide a continuous two-way left turn lane and bike lanes, constructing curbs, gutter, sidewalks and a closed drainage system, and reconstructing the traffic signal at Pacific Highway South. Mr. Heydon stated that Council needs to determine whether or not the undergrounding of electrical and communication systems will be required, and if so, the manner of payment therefor. The cost of undergrounding all utilities within the South 216th right-of way is \$218,000.

Public Works Director Heydon stated that staff does not recommend undergrounding of the Puget Power Lines, due to the budget and schedule constraints. However, staff does recommend undergrounding of the U.S. West lines on the south side of the street. He noted that U.S. West has agreed to underground their facilities at a cost of \$40,000. He advised that we need to squeeze \$40,000 out of our current budget which is already very tight. In conclusion, Mr. Heydon stated that undergrounding the Puget Power lines on the north side would only provide a marginal benefit since only the lower voltage lines could be undergrounding and the higher voltage lines would still remain.

Mayor Thomasson spoke in favor of this proposal noting that if it is needed Council can adjust the CIP.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler and passed unanimously, to underground the overhead utilities only on the south side of South 216th Street between Pacific Highway South and Interstate 5, if the accepted construction bid is low enough to provide funding within the existing budget.

Des Moines Field House Renovation Project

Councilmember Wasson advised that he removed this item from the Consent Calendar because Council had previously discussed the priority need for installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Field House and he questioned whether this has been included in the renovation project.

Park and Recreation Director Thorell stated that it is not a part of this project.

City Manager Olander advised that an electrical upgrade is planned and we can explore the costs of a sprinkler or a detection system.

Park and Recreation Director Thorell noted that she could enhance the existing alarm system to provide for a fire alarm.

City Manager Olander advised that we could do a change order if it is feasible as it would be best to install a system during this renovation project. He informed Council that he will check with the Fire Marshall and will bring back to Council costs of an early detection system versus a sprinkler system in the next two weeks.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Wasson and passed unanimously, to award the contract for Des Moines Field House Renovation to Lugo Construction, Incorporated in the amount of \$166,178, including tax, plus a 10% contingency, and further authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson noted that the next meeting will be March 14, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk