

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 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 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, 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Darlene Curley, 21149 32nd Avenue South, SeaTac, Director of Pregnancy Aid

Ms. Curley thanked City Manager Olander for his letter to Sid Morrison, Secretary of Transportation for Washington State Department of Transportation requesting that WSDOT reconsider their decision to terminate the lease of the Pregnancy Aid headquarters in Des Moines. She informed Council that the house that is leased from DOT at 1810 S. 216th Street is located in SR 509 right-of-way and the lease is up on April 30th. She remarked that DOT has indicated the house is not up to Code and she requested an inspection by a City building inspector. She noted that Mr. Olander had stated that there are volunteer organizations that would help make any needed repairs. She expressed appreciation for any help the City can give in keeping this valuable community service in Des Moines.

City Manager Olander advised that he will see that a building inspector checks the building. He thanked Councilmember Towe for bringing this matter to his attention.

Mary Jane Marrage, 3312 South 189th Street, President of the Pregnancy Aid

Ms. Marrage addressed Council regarding the WIC program (Women, Infant and Children) which is run with the Pregnancy Aid. She advised Council that this is a Federally funded program which provides health and nutrition for pregnant mothers, infants and young children. She noted that currently the program serves 500 clients per month. She further advised that this amounts to approximately \$30,000 which is spent in local grocery stores and if this program is forced to transfer clients, that this money would be spent elsewhere. In conclusion, she stated the nutrition program provides a vital service to the community and any help that can be given to keeping their building would be appreciated.

Bertha Daigle, 20133 Normandy Park

Ms. Daigle informed Council that she is one of the original founders of the Pregnancy Aid program which has served the Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac and Federal Way areas for the last 25 years. She advised Council that they have been unable to find a new building in the Des Moines area. She informed Council that the WIC program is actually funded through Snohomish County which helps pay part of their rent. Now Snohomish County wants to take back their support for the WIC program. She requested political assistance from the City and offered to explain in more detail.

City Manager Olander stated he would be happy to arrange a meeting with Ms. Daigle to discuss potential options.

Albert Hill, 21815 24th Avenue South

Mr. Hill advised Council that he has owned this property for 40 years and aircraft noise has been a major problem. He noted that the Port of Seattle has bought out all the homes to the north of South 216th, and the City has zoned the property south of S. 216th for a business park as it is not fit for residential use. Mr. Hill stated that if the land is unfit to live on then it certainly is not fit for children to play on. He stated that the proposed location for a sports park is unacceptable. He further stated that he is opposed to the combining of the sports park bond and a community/senior center bond issues as he feels they should stand on their own. He requested Council do their homework as, in his opinion, this is a badly flawed plan.

Noni Coral Davis, 2420 South 219th

Ms. Davis praised the City's efforts regarding the proposed Sports Park. As an agent for the South Highline American Little League, she needs to schedule fields for nine teams. She informed Council of the problems trying to find decent playing fields and noted that at this time the only field she has found to be playable is at Midway Elementary School. She advised Council that all of the parents she has spoken with are in full support of the proposed sports park bond issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Redondo Beach Drive Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Thomasson reminded Council that an invitation has been issued to all to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Redondo Beach Drive re-opening on Sunday March 16, 1997, at 2:30 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of February 27, 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 #55105 through #55359 in the total amount of \$494,279.38

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$184,865.40

3. Motion is to authorize the City Manager to sign an amendment to the "Professional Services Agreement for the New Des Moines Police Station and City Hall Remodel" for architectural services in an amount not to exceed \$99,491.00 plus a 10% design contingency.
4. Motion is to approve the loan of \$353,646 from the Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Airport Defense Fund for the calendar year 1997. This loan will be repaid in the year 2000 from the proceeds of the portion of utility tax intended for Airport Defense. The annual interest rate for this loan will be 4%.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Community Development 1997 Work Plan Schedule

Community Development Director Kilgore reviewed the revised projects to be undertaken during 1997 by the Plan Development Division of the Community Development Department. She noted that the request for a revision of the 1997 work program is due to additional State requirements relating to compliance with the Growth Management Act. She further noted that in early 1997 we learned that without readoption of our development regulations the City would no longer be eligible for grants and loans funded by the State for a variety of programs.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, that Administration be directed to undertake the proposed 1997 work program for Plan Development. Motion passed unanimously.

Draft Ordinance No. 97-029 [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 1183] Sports Park and Community/Senior Center Bond Issue - 1st Reading

City Manager Olander noted that the draft ordinance requests that King County conduct a special election on May 20, 1997, by mail ballot, for a combined Sports Park and Community/Senior Center bond issue in the amount of \$6.9 million. The bond would fund the acquisition of property and the development and construction of sports fields and auxiliary facilities. Also, land would be purchased adjacent to the sports park for the future development and construction of a Community/Senior Center.

City Manager Olander read the ordinance by title into the record.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and passed, to suspend Council Rule 26(b) in order to enact Draft Ordinance No. 97-029 on a first reading.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil to approve Draft Ordinance No. 97-029.

Councilmember Wasson stated that he agrees with Mr. Hill's comments made during comments from the public. He noted that the City is spending millions of dollars in its fight against the airport and the noise from aircraft. He stated that this proposed area has extensive noise impacts and just because it is vacant land, that does not make it suitable for a play field. He advised that he will vote against the draft ordinance.

Mayor Thomasson noted that it is unfortunate that there are airport related impacts, however he felt the need for this type of sports park is so great as to outweigh those impacts. He stated this is the only identifiable site in the City suited for such a proposed use.

Councilmember Sherman noted that although this proposed site is not ideal, it is the best that is available. He felt that the few hours it takes to play a ball game is quite different from 24 hours of exposure if homes were built. He remarked that this is going to a vote of the public to determine if this is appropriate.

Councilmember Roberts stated that in 20 years the need for sports fields has grown and nothing has been done to help. This is a much needed program.

Councilmember Wasson commented that he would rather see a business park in this area with good insulation.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed 6 to 1 with Councilmember Wasson voting NO.

Review of Sea Tac Disposal's Proposed Rate Increase

Community Development Director Kilgore informed Council that this is the first rate increase requested since 1995. She advised Council that Sea Tac Disposal is requesting an overall rate increase based on increases in normal operating costs and a King County Council approved increase in the tipping fee. The rate of proposed increase will be contingent upon WUTC's approval of the proposed rate increase as submitted for regulated jurisdictions with an effective date of April 1, 1997.

With the use of an overhead view foil, Ms. Kilgore reviewed samples of the proposed rate increases. She concluded by advising Council that she feels this is a very reasonable request.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Sherman, to approve Sea Tac Disposal's requested rate increase as an attachment to the existing Exclusive License between the City of Des Moines and Sea Tac Disposal, effective April 1, 1997. The rate increase will be based on an identical request presently before the WUTC for Sea Tac Disposal's regulated area and any uncontested adjustments the WUTC makes to the regulated rates will also be made to the Des Moines rates, effective April 1, 1997. Motion passed unanimously.

Draft Ordinance No. 97-030 [**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 1184**] Revised Speed Limits for Woodmont/Redondo Area - 1st Reading

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil and passed unanimously, to suspend Council Rule 26(b) in order to enact Draft Ordinance No. 97-030 on first reading.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil to approve Draft Ordinance No. 97-030. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Thomasson read the ordinance by title into the record.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting March 27, 1997

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab, City Clerk