REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES March 23, 2000

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, #B.

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

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

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

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember Brazil reported to Council that Bellevue has been seated on the Puget Sound Regional Council as a third alternate with no voting position.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Certificates of Appreciation

Mayor Thomasson called upon Council's Liaison to the Human Services Advisory Committee to present Certificates of Appreciation to out-going committee members.

Councilmember Towe introduced outgoing Human Services Advisory Committee Members who were in attendance at the meeting, noting their years of service:

Jerry Theckston - 1 ½ Years
Michael Tayag - 2 years
Pat Colgan - 5 years

He presented the former members with Certificates of Appreciation and acknowledged their personal contributions to the community. Councilmember Towe also announced that former member Karen Hendrickson, who served for five years, is also being given a Certificate of Appreciation.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

State Legislature - Budget Amendments

City Manager Olander announced that the House has passed a proposed budget, which would mean an allocation to Des Moines for the budget year 2000 which ends in June, in the amount of $409,000, and for the year 2001 an amount of $1.5 million. He noted that the Senate version is higher. He advised that the House and Senate will have to reach a compromise before the figures are final. He further advised Council that this funding is not a permanent solution, but hopefully the Legislature will work towards that goal.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of March 9, 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 # 70888 through #71005 in the total amount of $127,075.82
   Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of $273,241.40
3. Motion is to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Des Moines Memorial Drive with King County and the cities of SeaTac, Burien, and Normandy Park for cooperating in the design, maintenance, landscape, and commemorative standards and cooperative grant applications found in Attachment 1, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign such documents substantially in the form as attached.
4. Motion is to award the contract for professional engineering design services for the 2000 Arterial Maintenance Program to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of $29,928.38, plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract substantially in the form as submitted.
5. Motion is to approve the amended Midway Sewer District Outfall easement and to authorize the City Manager to sign such easement substantially in the form as attached.
6. Draft Resolution No. 00-021 **[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 880]** - Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, declaring that the "POW/MIA" flag shall be flown at City Hall on the business day before certain federal holidays.

   MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 00-021.

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

In regards to consent item 5, Councilmember Kaplan questioned whether the agreement includes any provisions allowing them to sub-lease that easement.

City Attorney McLean stated no, and that the Midway Sewer District has been informed numerous times by his office that they have no authority to use that easement for any purpose other than sewer facilities and necessary appurtenances to such facilities.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Flag

Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler presented the City with a POW/MIA Flag.

City Manager Olander stated that the Flag will be flown the last business day before Memorial Day, Independence Day, POW/MIA Day, and Veterans Day at City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Pacific Ridge Neighborhood Improvement Plan

Planning Manager Loch advised Council that tonight's focus will be on the build-out of Pacific Ridge and the computations that will be presented for Council's consideration. He advised that this decision is needed to begin to work thoroughly on the environmental impact statement. It is important to know what targets the City is shooting for so that study can be made on the impacts to infrastructure, traffic, etc. Staff plans to come back in April/May with a complete package for Council's consideration.

Consultant Rick Sepler advised Council that they reviewed a potential 20 year build-out, using site specific assumptions, keeping in mind market limitations.

Consultant Dave Boyd, with use of view foils, displayed various examples of potential development showing various scales of heights, for both residential and commercial zones. He noted that their scenarios were based on practical experience with office space at 4 million square feet, with buildings at five stories. He cautioned that 2 to 3 stories would be more likely to be built. He noted that retail street frontage was estimated to be approximately 840,000 square feet, which could create up to 16,000 jobs. He noted that residential was computed to come out at 4,400 dwelling units which would compute to a projected population growth of 8,800 over 20 years.

Mr. Sepler advised that the projected rate of commercial growth over a 20 year period would equate to approximately 400 new jobs a year.

Councilmembers were questioned on whether the population projection of 8,800 would be acceptable.

Upon questioning by Council, Mr. Boyd stated that residential units were based on 900 square per unit.

Upon questioning by Council, Mr. Sepler advised that as the EIS is developed it will determine the thresholds for sewer, water, parks, transportation, etc. He further noted that the issue of impact fees/connection fees will also be determined through the EIS. He reminded Council that the whole area will not develop overnight and the 20 year build-out will allow time for utilities to prepare for infrastructure for needed improvements.

City Manager Olander and Community Development Director Kilgore reminded Council that having the SEPA procedure complete will help ensure developers that their process will be speeded up and having a clear understanding of what will be expected is a real plus in development of the area.

Council's consensus was the projected population growth of 8,800 is acceptable.

Community Development Director Kilgore informed Council that she will present a revised schedule for Council's review at the March 30th study session.

City Attorney McLean advised that he will prepare a draft ordinance for Council's review at the March 30th study session. He noted the ordinance will contain interim zoning regulations and ICUP permit process.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Election - Increase Utility Tax

In light of the proposed funding package that the State Legislature is working on, City Manager Olander questioned Council on whether staff should proceed to prepare draft legislation to place a ballot measure before the voters to increase the City's utility tax rate.

Some Council discussion ensued, with the following results:

Councilmembers Sherman and Towe spoke in support of such a ballot measure stating that the voters should have this option, noting that Council could repeal the utility tax should the legislature come up with a permanent funding solution.

Councilmembers Brazil and Kaplan, Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler and Mayor Thomasson spoke in opposition to such a ballot measure. It was felt that voters had made it very clear that they are against any new taxes and that it would be wasteful to spend City funds to put this issue on a ballot.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson noted the next meeting will be a study session on March 30, 2000, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk