

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 20, 2000

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sheckler, Councilmembers Terry Brazil, Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, Planning Manager Corbitt Loch, Assistant City Engineer Loren Reinhold and City Clerk Denis Staab.

Announcement

City Manager Olander announced that the Public Health Department will attend the April 27, 2000 Council meeting to brief Council on the arsenic and lead contamination study that has recently been released which affects Maury and Vashon Islands, as well as the cities of Des Moines, Normandy Park and Federal Way. He noted copies of their report are available at City Hall and all King County Libraries. A hot line number has been established for telephone inquires, 206-296-4692.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Design Contract Supplement No. 6 - Marine View Drive Bridge Project

Assistant City Engineer Reinhold noted that two weeks ago, Council approved the amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan to move forward with this project and take advantage of funding available. He advised that Council has been given a copy of the revised CIP project in their packets. He concluded by advising that staff plans on awarding the bid in July, with construction expected to begin in late August or early September. He assured Council that a notice to proceed with the work will not be given until the Puget Sound Regional Council funds have been obligated.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Towe, to authorize the City Manager to sign Supplement 6 with INCA Engineers, Inc. for the amount of \$89,630.39 for the completion of the Phase I design on the Marine View Drive Bridge Project, substantially in the form as submitted. Motion passed 6 to 1 with Councilmember Wasson voting NO.

Pacific Ridge - Draft Comprehensive Plan Policies

Planning Manager Loch noted that staff is seeking direction on the draft Pacific Ridge Element of the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that after adoption, the draft Element would be added as a new chapter. It will provide broad policy direction for the Pacific Ridge Planning Project. After Council review of the draft Element, staff will identify other potential Comprehensive Plan amendments that may be necessary to ensure the Plan is internally consistent with this new Element. He noted that public hearings by the Planning Agency and the Council are required prior to Council action on all Comprehensive Plan amendments. Mr. Loch proceeded to review the Draft Element with comments and or changes as noted.

11-01 GOALS - VISION STATEMENT

No changes

11-02 FINDINGS

Mayor Thomasson commented that after completion of the EIS and SEPA review, there may be some items to add to the findings.

11-03 POLICIES

11-03-12

Councilmember Kaplan requested that this would be an appropriate spot to reference the City's Transportation Plan.

11-03-07

Councilmember Towe requested this be expanded to ensure that municipal services will keep up with growth and demand

Councilmember Sherman requested an additional policy regarding the relationship with the single family neighborhood to the West.

11-03-11

Council's consensus that the beginning word "Consider" was an inappropriate word to be used as establishing a strong policy regarding recreational opportunities.

11-03-09

Councilmember Towe stated he would prefer to see the City in a more proactive position.

Planning Manager Loch advised that staff will bring back a specific list of proposed action items and tactics which will include any associated costs to the City.

PREFERRED LAND USE MAP

Mayor Thomasson stated that the City limits need to be exact. He noted that the way it is drawn now, it appears certain streets are inside the City, that are not. He further requested details be noted as follows:

- Show Park property as parks
- Puget Sound Energy as utility

Light Rail Corridor Designation

Discussion ensued as how to best designate a potential for this right of way. City Manager Olander commented that staff would be uncomfortable making such a strong designation on private property.

City Attorney McLean noted he would prefer a statement to the effect that the preferred route will be to about I-5. He advised Council that he will study the legal ramifications and bring back a recommendation for consideration on the best way to incorporate this item.

11-04 STRATEGIES

11-04-06

Upon questioning by Council, Planning Manager Loch stated the purpose of this item is to recognize there are a lot of small parcels and this is a “soft” language to try to promote larger parcel development by encouragement, but not as a requirement.

Comparison of Renters and Homeowners (Memo of 3/28/2000 in Council’s Packet)
City Manager Olander noted that the intention on the different height requirements for apartments versus condominium, is to encourage, but not require, homeownership in the area.

Councilmember Sherman stated that he is not against home ownership, but has a problem with the City taking such a strong stance on only allowing a 35’ building height for apartments while allowing condominiums to build up to 110’ on the east side.

Councilmember Wasson agreed with Councilmember Sherman and further felt that an owner of a quality apartment complex would be motivated to maintain the structure in good condition.

Mayor Thomasson and Councilmember Towe expressed support for the policy to encourage home ownership as they felt this has positive long term implications. Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler and Councilmembers Kaplan and Brazil, also voiced the same opinion.

After further discussion, consensus was the policy of encouraging home ownership should be added.

In conclusion, City Manager Olander advised Council that staff is reviewing the issue of displacement of residents in the area, including legal ramifications, and is working on alternatives for Council’s review.

King County-Suburban Cities Sponsored Workshop

Councilmember Brazil noted next Thursday there will be a free ESA Workshop. He stated this should be an educational and informational session. The interlocal agreement being proposed will set fees to implement the ESA plan.

Suburban Cities - Economic Development Council

Councilmember Brazil, who sits on the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Council, noted that there is a need to vote on the issue of the U.S. granting permanent normal trade relations to China. He informed Council that he has taken the position of abstaining from voting and was advised to do so by Suburban Cities.

Suburban Cities Monthly Dinner Meeting

Councilmember Brazil advised that Des Moines will be hosting the June 14th Dinner meeting. A dinner cruise is planned and he encouraged Councilmembers, staff and their spouses to attend.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson announced the next regular meeting will be April 27, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk