

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 2, 2002

At 7:30 p.m. Acting City Manager Piasecki announced that Council is currently in Executive Session which is expected to continue for approximately another 10 minutes.

The regular study session of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Wasson at 7:41 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag was led by Councilmember Steenrod.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Don Wasson, Councilmembers Gary Petersen, Bob Sheckler, Maggie Steenrod and Susan White. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Benjamin and Councilmember Scott Thomasson. Also present were Acting City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Attorney Linda Marousek, Chief of Police Don Obermiller and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember White and passed unanimously, to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin and Councilmember Thomasson.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

National Police Week & Police Memorial Day

MOTION was made by Councilmember Petersen, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, to recognize the week of May 12, 2002 through May 18, 2002 as "National Police Week" and May 15, 2002 as "Police Memorial Day" in Des Moines.

Chief of Police Obermiller read the recognition into the record. He invited all of Council, City employees and citizens, to the 1st Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony to be held the Des Moines Police Department Memorial Garden. The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 9th.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Interim Finance Director

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, to authorize the Acting City Manager to sign the agreement with the Prothman Company for Interim Finance Director Services substantially in the form as submitted.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Steenrod, Acting City Manager Piasecki advised that since the Finance Director is a key position for the City and it will not be possible to fill that position on a permanent basis before the current director leaves, he used two search firms to search for an interim Financial Director. He advised that 4 candidates were interviewed and Dick Scott, retired Finance Director from Enumclaw, was selected. The interim term will be from 3 to 5 months. During that time a full blown effort will be made for recruiting for a permanent replacement.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Revision - Draft Resolution No. 04-074 Authorizing 2002 Waterland Festival

Acting City Manager Piasecki announced that the Draft Resolution has been moved to the May 9th Council meeting at the request of the Chamber of Commerce, who is unable to have a representative in attendance this evening.

Employment Agreement with City Manager

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod, to appoint Tony Piasecki as Des Moines City Manager under the terms of the Employment Agreement distributed to the City Council, and to authorize the Mayor to sign such agreement on behalf of the City substantially in the form as submitted.

Councilmember Sheckler stated that he believes the contract to be a fair one and has confidence in Mr. Piasecki's abilities.

Councilmember Steenrod advised that she has been impressed with Mr. Piasecki's performance as Acting City Manager, especially during the difficult past 2 months.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Wasson announced that the next meeting will be May 9, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

7:57 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Petersen, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod and passed unanimously, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk