

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 8, 1997

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Bruce Roberts, Bob Sheckler, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Absent: Mayor Scott Thomasson (out of town). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Sherman and passed unanimously, to excuse Mayor Thomasson.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Watson, 804 South 252nd South

Mr. Watson read a letter voicing strong disagreement to the issues as stated in a mailer he received from Councilmember Wasson urging voters to vote against the bond proposal for a sports park and community/senior center.

Henry Hopkins, 3720 Serene Way, Lynnwood, President of Westcott Company

Mr. Hopkins distributed a letter he has received from the Port of Seattle noting that they are interested in fully investigating implementing a conveyor system along Des Moines Creek. He noted that the Port suggested that he bring together the Midway Sewer District and the City of Des Moines to study and reach consensus on whether the easement can be used along Des Moines Creek for a conveyor system. He invited the City to participate in discussions.

Brian Snure, 27425 89th Avenue South, incoming President Des Moines Midway Rotary Club

Mr. Snure thanked the Council for placing the sports park issue on the ballot. He informed Council that the club is in favor of the issue and encourages support of the issue. He also advised Council that the Club voted unanimously to raise \$20,000 or more, to help build a children's play area in the new sports park complex.

Wayne Brown, 26208 14th Avenue South

Mr. Brown advised Council that he is a baseball coach and that there is a huge need for many more ball fields. He encouraged everyone to vote yes on the sports park bond issue.

John Rann, 22315 6th Avenue South #A305

Mr. Rann read a letter from the Des Moines Senior Services Advisory Committee wrote to the City Manager. The letter noted that the Committee agreed to support the bond issue for the sports park and land for a proposed community/senior center. The letter further stated that the Committee will actively promote the project through informational talks to community groups regarding the needs for the facilities and the benefits associated with them.

Pat Thomasson, 24030 13th Avenue South, representative of National South Highline Little League

Mrs. Thomasson spoke in support of the sports field bond issue advising that it is good for kids, families and bringing the community closer together. She concluded by noting that the schools will never have the high quality of fields that a dedicated sports park could provide.

Amy Thomasson, 24030 13th Avenue South

As a player of youth sports, Ms. Thomasson encouraged passage of the sports park bond issue.

Naomi Coral Davis, 2420 South 219th, representing the South Highline American Little League

Ms. Davis noted that she lives across the street from the proposed sports park site. She voice strong approval for the passage of the bond issue, noting that there is an extreme shortage of quality fields for sports in the Des Moines area.

Chuck Tulman, 313 South 210th, former member of Committee who studied Des Moines' long range plan for parks and Principal of Parkside Elementary School

Mr. Tulman informed Council that he fully supports the sports park and community/senior center bond issue.

Jimmy Stewart, 24812 9th Place South

Mr. Stewart voiced disagreement with the letter that was delivered to his home in opposition to the sports park bond issue. He stated that the letter noted there is other vacant land available, but failed to mention where this land is located. It is his opinion that there is no other land. He noted he is willing to pay his share of taxes to support this bond issue.

Richard Wagner, 22508 6th Avenue South

Mr. Wagner voiced support for the sports park bond issue noting there is a shortage of fields. He noted that it is important for the City to provide a responsible safe and sufficient space for citizens and the surrounding community. He feels this is the next logical step in providing a high quality of life to the Des Moines area.

Scott Bailey, 20023 6th Avenue South, member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee and Mt. Rainier High School Student

Mr. Bailey spoke in support of the upcoming bond issue. He noted that the youth of the community must rely on the tax payers to keep the community livable. He noted their is a real need for this type of facility, and it will help pull the community together.

Kristi Drebeck Brown, 20628 2nd Avenue South

Mrs. Brown noted that although Des Moines does have some great amenities, there is room for improvement. She reminded everyone that the Senior Center being located at the Des Moines Beach Park, is subject to deterioration due to winter flooding. She also commented there is a great need for more ball fields. She felt the proposed location of a community/senior center with the sports park is the best location. She noted that vacant land is fast disappearing and there may not be a 2nd opportunity. In her opinion, the additional \$5-\$6 a month on property taxes is worth the benefits. She encouraged everyone to vote yes on the bond issue.

Mark Proulx, 26202 14th Avenue South

Mr. Proulx commented on the letter from Councilmember Wasson advocating a no vote on the sports park bond, noting that there were no facts or data provided to support his statements. As a member of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Proulx felt this letter was an insult and he requested that Mr. Wasson either provide proof or apologize at this attempt to sabotage the bond issue.

Randy Pasquarella, President of Redondo Heights Towing Company, 24306 9th Avenue South

Mr. Pasquarella informed Council that his company has been in business for 51 years and is currently serving the Washington State Patrol and Federal Way Police Department. He noted that a written request has been submitted asking that Des Moines provide his business with an equal opportunity chance to serve in a tow rotation for the Des Moines Police Department.

Mayor Brazil noted that City Manager Olander will handle this request.

Georgie Nupin, 24816 12th Avenue South

Ms. Nupine voiced support for the proposed bond issue and thanked Council for including the community/senior center property purchase in the proposal.

Laura Lewis, 25115 25th Avenue South, Member of the Des Moines Midway Soccer Club

Ms. Lewis spoke in support of the proposed sports park noting that the Club currently can only use Pacific Middle School play field for soccer, and they lose that during baseball season. The next closest place is in Kent. She emphasized the need for the sports park in Des Moines stressing this is a worth while effort that the children need.

Don Clayton, 22426 12th Avenue South

Mr. Clayton agreed with other speakers who spoke in opposition to Councilmember Wasson's letter against the sports park. Mr. Clayton supported the efforts of the Advisory Committee who also support the bond issue as configured. He noted that a small soccer group raised \$2,000 to help fund support of the bond issue and he encouraged everyone to vote for the issue.

Elbert Hill, 21815 14th Avenue South

Mr. Hill voiced support for Councilmember Wasson's letter in opposition to the bond issue. He stated that many of Mr. Wasson's facts were obtained from the Regional Council on Airport Affairs newsletter, "Truth in Aviation". He reminded everyone that the City lost an opportunity to have a Park at much less cost on the north side of South 216th, but placed such heavy restrictions on the applicant, they withdrew their proposal. Mr. Hill noted that he firmly believes the area of the proposed sports park will be highly impacted by airport created noise and pollution and therefore, he will not support the bond issue.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mailer Against Sports Park Bond Issue

Councilmember Wasson stated that he expected the comments this evening in opposition to his letter. However, it is everyone's right and privilege to express their different views and he only did what he felt was right in mailing the letter opposing the upcoming bond issue.

Sr. Advisory Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil introduced John Rann to present an overview of the Committee's 1997 Accomplishments/Projects as follows:

- Received \$18,000 from King County for funding.
- 1st Annual Senior Center Day in Olympia held in February. Met with Senators and Representatives from the 33rd and 34th Districts to discuss issues of concern to seniors in general.
- Transportation: \$100,000 was allocated by King County Metro for door to door transportation to folks 55 and older for the cities of Normandy Park and Des Moines. Transportation will be used to get to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, senior activities and the like.
- Topics & Issues: Areas of focus include transportation, Senior/Community Center Bond, Legislative updates, health issues and retirement centers.
- Upcoming activities include Older American Month, Senior Center Week May 12th through the 16th, Community/Senior Center Sports Park Bond Issue on May 20th and Senior Wellness Fair on May 28th.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Proclamation: "Older Americans Month"

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil read a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Older Americans Month" in the City of Des Moines.

He presented framed copies of the proclamation to the following individuals:

Nancy Schmoll - Representing Judson Park Retirement Center

John Rann - Representing Des Moines Senior Center

Sue Padden - For Masonic Center

Faith Callahan - A Wesley Homes resident. It was announced that Ms. Faith is the 1997 winner of the National Volunteer of the Year Award for the United Methodist Association.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Waterfowl Signage

City Manager Olander called Council's attention to the colorful new informative sign that will be installed at the Beach Park and Marina, requesting people do not feed the waterfowl and the reasons why they should not.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of April 24, 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 #55962 through #56151 in the total amount of \$346,581.34

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$195,878.49

3. Motion is to set a public hearing on May 22, 1997, to consider Administration File No. RZ 97-020, request for renewal of zoning to CG, General Commercial from current zoning, RS 9600, Single Family Residential, Applicant: U.S. Postal Service.
4. Draft Ordinance No. 97-042 **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 1187** - Title: An Ordinance of the City of Des Moines, Washington relating to surface water management service charges for state highway property and for city streets, amending DMMC 11.12.050 and 11.12.060, and repealing DMMC 11.12.040.

TWO MOTIONS: First motion is to suspend Council Rule 26(b). Second motion is to approve Draft Ordinance No. 97-042.

5. Motion is that the Council accept the proposal from Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp., for providing consulting/design services for the Marina's underground fuel tank project, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement, substantially in the form as attached.

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

8:51 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Brazil called for a 5 minute break.

AGENDA REVISION

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil announced that he will take New Business before Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Redondo Riviera - 10% Annexation Petition

City Manager Olander advised that residents in the area known as the Redondo Riviera, roughly bordered by South 272nd Street to the north, 16th Avenue South to the east, and South 284th Street to the south, have begun the process of requesting annexation into Des Moines using the 60% petition method. He noted that the petitioners have filed the 10% petitions, which contained the signatures of the owners of 23% of the property value. Staff recommends that Council accept the 10% petitions from the area residents and direct staff to prepare 60% petitions, and the City Council is required to meet with the residents within sixty days to determine:

1. Whether or not to accept, reject, or geographically modify the proposed annexation;
2. Whether it will require the simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation, if such a proposal has been prepared and filed; and
3. Whether it will require the assumption of all or any portion of existing City indebtedness by the area to be annexed.

City Manager Olander concluded by stating that staff recommends that the geographic area be modified to coincide with the City's interlocal agreement with Federal Way and not require simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation. He advised that since the area is very small the zoning process can occur while the 60% petitions are being circulated and Council can consider zoning at the time of the hearing to accept the annexation.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, that the Des Moines City Council accept the 10% annexation petitions from the Redondo Riviera residents; geographically modify the area per the map in Attachment A; not require simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation; require assumption by the annexed territory of a pro-rata portion of existing voter-approved bonded indebtedness for purchase of land for and

construction of the new police station and, if approved by the voters in the election on May 20, 1997 purchase of land for and development of a Sports Park and purchase of land for future Community/Senior Center; and direct staff to prepare 60% annexation petitions for circulation.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Roberts, to strike the word “not” before require simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation.

Councilmember Sherman stated that he believes it is very important for the citizens of the area to understand that zoning and development regulations are different from King County. Therefore he wants the zoning done first so when citizens are signing the petitions they understand there will be differences.

Councilmember Roberts reminded Council that a lot of Woodmont Redondo residents assumed that their zoning would be grandfathered in and he does not want the same situation to arise where people were really upset over the zoning changes.

Councilmember Sheckler stated that he does not believe there are the same unique property situations as there was in the Woodmont Redondo area and therefore he does not see any problem in allowing the petitions to proceed as soon as possible.

City Manager Olander informed Council there would be approximately a three to four month delay in allowing the 60% petitions to be circulated if Council requires the pre-adoption of zoning.

Councilmember Sherman stated that a 3 to 4 month delay is not too long of a delay considering the citizens will be entering a permanent relationship.

Councilmember Wasson noted that the City has a responsibility to inform these citizens of the changes that will occur by annexing to Des Moines.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Motion failed 3 to 3 with Councilmembers Sheckler and Towe and Mayor Pro Tem Brazil voting NO.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion failed 3 to 3 with Councilmembers Roberts, Sherman and Wasson voting NO.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Wasson, that the Des Moines City Council accept the 10% annexation petitions from the Redondo Riviera residents; geographically modify the area per the map in Attachment A; require simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation; require assumption by the annexed territory of a pro-rata portion of existing voter-approved bonded indebtedness for purchase of land for and construction of the new police station and, if approved by the voters in the election on May 20, 1997 purchase of land for and development of a Sports Park and purchase of land for future Community/Senior Center; and direct staff to prepare 60% annexation petitions for circulation. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation: Sea-Tac Airport Impact Mitigation Study

City Manager Olander introduced Burien City Manager Fred Stouder, who introduced the Study Team of Joe Pobiner of HOK, Project Director and Steven Dennis and Ron DeNadai of Raytheon Infrastructures, Inc.

Mr. Pobiner proceeded to give a detailed presentation of the initial assessment and recommendations of the Sea-Tac International Airport Impact Mitigation Study. With the use of the overhead view foils he highlighted some of the following items:

- Potential Environmental Impacts
- Neighborhoods Identified for Potential Acquisition and Redevelopment
- Schools Identified for Potential Replacement or Relocation
- Potential Transportation Impacts
- Potential Socio-Economic Impacts
- Principal Environmental Recommendations
- Principal Transportation Recommendations
- Principal Socio-Economic Recommendations

[ED NOTE: The full Sea-Tac International Airport Impact Mitigation Study is available for review at Des Moines Library and Des Moines City Hall. Copies of the Executive Summary are available at Des Moines City Hall.]

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting May 22, 1997

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk