

PRELIMINARY
REGULAR MEETING OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 9, 1996

The regular meeting 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Mayor Thomasson.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Councilmembers Bruce Roberts, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil (vacation) and Councilmembers Bob Sheckler (ill), Dan Sherman (vacation). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Public Works Director Tim Heydon and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Wasson and passed unanimously, to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Brazil and Councilmembers Sheckler and Sherman.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Anoop Batra, 22007 Marine View Drive

Mr. Batra informed Council that the Washington Transportation Policy Institute is holding a series of forums throughout the state in the next month and a half. He announced that one will be held on May 14, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at Federal Way City Hall. He noted the purpose of the forums are to identify and prioritize transportation issues with input from elected officials, agencies and the communities in general. The hope is to increase awareness of transportation issues and the effects transportation congestion has on the communities and businesses. He encouraged Council, Administration and the general public to attend.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment Committee

Councilmember Roberts announced that the Committee has concluded their study of the draft ordinance regarding regulatory reform. The draft ordinance will be before Council at the May 23, 1996 meeting at which time the Committee will give their recommendations.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Police Service Center Ground Breaking Ceremony

Mayor Kennedy reminded everyone that the ground breaking ceremony for the City's new Police Service Center will held at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning. He encouraged everyone to attend.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Presentation: Regional Transit Authority - Preliminary Draft Proposal on Regional Transportation Plan

Valerie Baatey, South Corridor Lead Planner for the Regional Transit Authority - Ms. Battie detailed for council the draft ten year system plan that has been put together since the March 1995 ballot for a regional transit system failed. She noted that the 10 year system plan:

- Includes a mix of transportation improvements - high-occupancy-vehicle expressway, regional express bus routes, commuter rail and light rail, plus new community 'gateways' - connections in urban and suburban areas for communities to connect to the rest of the region.
- Costs about half of the March 1995 proposal.
- Will be completed within 10 years as opposed to the 16 year time frame for the last proposal.
- Completes and builds on transportation investments we as a region have already made.
- Provides system benefits to areas based on the share of revenues each subarea generates.
- Assumes no state funds and federal funding at the currently authorized level of \$55 million per year.

Upon questioning from Council, Ms. Battie advised that businesses have participated in the plan by forming committees to give input, such as Boeing and Microsoft.

In response to questioning regarding funding of the plan, she noted that the plan will be funded with local revenues, generated within the RTA District boundaries, including a local sales tax increase not to exceed 4/10 of one percent and motor vehicle excise (license tab) tax increase of 3/10 of one percent. She further noted this should amount to about \$100 a year in additional taxes.

Councilmember Towe commented that he does not feel HOV lanes are being used adequately at this time and therefore could not understand investing even more money in adding additional HOV lanes or further improvements to the existing ones.

Upon questioning from City Manager Olander, Councilmember Roberts stated that we already are in the top 10 of high sales taxes in the country.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of April 18 and 25, 1996.
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 #51405 through #51576 in the total amount of \$351,994.77

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$169,034.22

3. Motion is to authorize the City Manager to 1) sign the interlocal agreement for King County City Optional Program funds; and 2) contract for services for a collection event for hard-to-recycle household items.

4. Motion is to transfer \$60,484 from the surplus in the Arterial Maintenance Fund to the South 216th Street Improvements Project and to award the contract for construction of the South 216th Street Improvements to R. W. Scott Construction, in the amount of \$742,566.50, plus a 5% contingency and to further authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.
5. Motion is to award the contract for construction of Arterial Maintenance Program Project to M. A. Segale, Inc., in the amount of \$542,686, plus a 15% contingency and to further authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.
6. Motion is to award the contract for professional engineering construction management services for the 1996 Arterial Maintenance Project to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$60,775 plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.
7. Motion is to award the contract for professional engineering construction management services for the South 216th Street Improvement project to ICON Inc. in the amount of \$88,689 plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.
8. ~~Motion is to award the contract for professional engineering services for the 10th Avenue South Arch Culvert design to R. W. Beck in the amount of \$95,255 plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.~~ [ED NOTE: This item was removed after Agenda was prepared, but prior to Council meeting.]
9. Motion is to award the contract for professional engineering services for the Barnes Creek Detention Facility Plan to The McAndrews Group, Ltd. in the amount of \$48,000.07 plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract.
10. Motion is to set a public hearing for May 23, 1996 to consider a textual code change, Draft Ordinance No. 96-010 correcting code references.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Councilmember Wasson to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Roberts, City Manager Olander explained that the lower contingency of 5% on Item #4 is because we will be operating on a very tight budget for this project.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

1997 Community Development Block Grant Program Policies

Mayor Thomasson introduced the topic.

City Manager Olander read the rules for conducting the public hearing.

Community Development Director Kilgore advised Council that this is the second step in a three step decision making process. Later in the year the Council will be asked to make decisions on specific projects. Those decisions must be consistent with the actions made tonight. She informed Council that projects must meet one of three criteria which are 1) benefit low to moderate income citizens, 2) reduce slums or blight, or 3) meet urgent community development needs.

Ms. Kilgore advised Council that in order to be eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant funds for 1997, the City must take the following actions:

1. Adopt program policies to guide allocations for 1997 funds.
2. Decide whether to reserve a portion of Des Moines' funds for public services. The maximum allowable allocation is estimated to be \$29,876.
3. Decide whether to reserve a portion of the funds for planning and administration. It is anticipated for 1997 this amount will be \$26,192.

In conclusion, Community Development Director Kilgore noted that in the third step, public notices are being mailed and advertised, announcing the availability of funds. These applications are due to her office by mid July, and recommendations for those fund allocations will be brought to Council at the August 8, 1996 Council meeting. She stated that it ultimately will be Council's decision on who will receive the funds and how much of the funds they will receive beginning in January 1997.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean Hueston, 1018 South 242nd - Ms. Hueston expressed concern for transitional housing in the Des Moines area. She stated that Council will get a briefing on the regional approach to affordable housing by the South King County Housing Forum at its June 27, 1996 Council meeting, therefore she will not go into those specific needs and goals tonight. She noted that as a member of the Des Moines' Human Service Committee there is a strong need for more staff services and, she concluded by expressing support for the 1997 Housing and Community Development plan.

Helen Seal, 23454 26th Avenue South - Ms. Seal spoke in support of the goals of the 1997 Housing & Community Development Plan and emphasized the need for affordable housing as it has a stabilizing effect on schools and the community in general.

Mayor Thomasson declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Towe noted that he is struggling with the funds allocated for planning and administration. He questioned that if these particular funds are not allocated in this manner will they be available to put elsewhere. Community Development Director Kilgore stated that they would.

City Manager Olander recommended against removing these funds for administration as it would create more of a burden on the general fund to make up the difference.

Community Development Director Kilgore assured Council that in terms of housing needs, especially housing needs of families, that it is adequately covered in the objectives. In regards to historic preservation, she noted that it is one of the three national objectives. In response to Mayor Thomasson's concerns regarding historical preservation, she offered the following amendment to Strategy #2, page 3, "Prioritize and fund projects which strengthen the City's infrastructure, stimulates economic development and maintains the City's character through preservation of historic properties. (ED NOTE: Underlined indicates the new language.)

Upon questioning from Councilmember Towe, Community Development Director Kilgore advised that allocations made tonight can be changed later if Council so desires.

Mayor Thomasson spoke in support of keeping the funds allocated for planning and Administration.

City Manager Olander reminded Council that the administration of the Block Grant program is a complicated process and he is comfortable with allocating these funds for its administration. He reminded Council that the 1997 budget picture is questionable with reduced sales tax and continuing costly airport defense obligations. He stated that if there are extra funds available in the general fund Council can always allocate them to human service projects.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Mayor Thomasson, that 1) The policies included as Attachment 1 to the agenda item summary, as amended by Community Development Director Kilgore, be adopted as Des Moines' 1997 CDBG program policies and, 2) The maximum allowable portion of Des Moines' 1997 entitlement funds be reserved for public services, and planning and administration. Motion passed 3 to 1 with Councilmember Towe voting NO.

OLD BUSINESS

Des Moines Creek Technology Campus - File No. MP 94-050

- A. Draft Ordinance No. 96-032 - Vacating Certain Rights-of-Way (**MOTION TO APPROVE TABLED** to allow City Attorney time to prepare amendment requested by Council)
- B. Adoption of Findings of Fact and Conclusions for the Street Vacation Included as Attachment 38 to the May 2, 1996 Administration Report

Mayor Thomasson questioned Council on whether they wished to address this issue with 3 of the Council absent.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Councilmember Wasson to continue this subject to the May 23, 1996 Council meeting to allow for full Council participation. Motion passed 3 to 1 with Councilmember Roberts voting NO.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson announced that the next regular meeting will be May 23, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk