

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 27, 1999

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

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Absent: Councilmember Bob Sheckler (ill). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, Planning Manager Corbitt Loch, Park Manager Rick Still, Recreation Manager Tracy Thomas , and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, and passed unanimously to excuse Councilmember Sheckler from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bill Kost

City Manager Olander noted that the letter received from Bill Kost regarding Draft Resolution No. 99-127 had been distributed to Council and would be entered into the record during the public hearing.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Facilities Committee

Councilmember Towe reported that the Municipal Facilities Committee had met to review the preliminary market and facility analyses of the proposed Marina Business Plan.

Suburban Cities Association

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil announced that representatives from Suburban Cities Association had not attended the Growth Management Planning Council in protest of the procedure used to give the City of Bellevue a seat on the committee. He noted that the Suburban Cities Association was in favor of Bellevue participating but felt that the adopted procedure to establish their seat should have been followed.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

City Council Retreat

Mayor Thomasson announced that the City Council had attended a retreat on May 21, 22, and 23, 1999. The purpose of the retreat was to review the vision, values, and imperatives of Council as well as to provide direction to staff on various issues.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Agenda Revision

City Manager announced that Council would convene in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Update on Youth & Teen Programs

Park and Recreation Director Thorell introduced the topic. She informed Council that the City of Des Moines had formed partnerships with Highline School District, Highline Community College, YMCA, local businesses, various human service groups and service organizations to provide youth and teen outreach activities.

Recreation Manager Thomas reviewed the attendance statistics and program emphasis for the following programs:

- Teen Leadership Program
- Before and After School Program
- Daycamp – Camp KHAOS, K2, Sport Camps
- Teen excursions and special events
- Youth and Teen Basketball
- Des Moines Youth Council
- Teen Leadership Training and Internship Program
- Missoula Children's Theatre
- Playground Program

Councilmember Towe felt that there was substantial growth in the last five years in the variety and quality of programs offered for youths and teens.

Upon questioning, Recreation Manager Thomas confirmed that the programs were self-sustaining. She also noted that scholarships were available for several programs.

Olympic/Midway Baseball Field Renovation Project

Park Manager Still provided Council with an update on the Olympic/Midway Baseball Field Renovation Project. In partnership with South Highline American League, South Highline National League, Highline School District, and King County, regulation size baseball fields would be established at Olympic and Midway Elementary Schools. Park Manager Still displayed site plans for the fields and noted that an irrigation system and fencing would be installed at both sites. Mr. Still explained that the school district and volunteer groups were responsible for maintenance of the fields. Upon questioning from Councilmember Towe, Park Manager Still stated that the grading of the existing field at Olympic Elementary was not included in the renovation project as there was no irrigation at the site to aid in maintaining the field. Mr. Still also noted that local soccer clubs and volunteers have met to discuss the renovation of various soccer fields in the area as well.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chafty.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of May 6 and 13, 1999.
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 # 66721 through #66998 in the total amount of \$264,752.56

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$212,464.28

3. Motion is to adopt the revised 1999 Airport Communities Coalition Interlocal Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement substantially in the form as attached.

4. Draft Resolution No. 99-128 [Assigned Res. No. 867] - Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, adopting a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Police Guild for the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2000.

MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 99-128 and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement substantially in the form as attached.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, and passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar as read.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Resolution No. 99-127 [Assigned Res. No. 868] Moratorium on New Construction in Pacific Ridge Area

City Attorney McLean introduced the subject. He noted that the proposed resolution listed findings of fact justifying the need for the six-month moratorium on new construction within the Pacific Ridge area.

Planning Manager Loch reviewed the schedule for the Pacific Ridge Planning Project.

City Attorney McLean stated the rules for conducting a public hearing.

Mayor Thomasson called for speakers. None responded.

City Attorney McLean noted that the letter received from Bill Kost had been marked as Exhibit 1.

Mayor Thomasson closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan and seconded by Councilmember Towe to adopt Draft Resolution 99-127.

Mayor Thomasson read the title of the proposed resolution into the record.

Councilmembers Kaplan and Towe voiced support for the resolution as they felt it represented an opportunity for the City to positively affect the roadway and economic future of the City.

Councilmember Sherman stated that he would not support the proposed resolution as he felt Ordinance No. 1232 which established the moratorium contained legislation that belonged elsewhere.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 5 – 1, with Councilmember Sherman opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution No. 99-130 [Assigned Res. No. 869] - City of Des Moines 40th Anniversary (June 17th)
Councilmember Kaplan read Draft Resolution No. 99-130.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan and passed unanimously to adopt Draft Resolution No. 99-130 recognizing the City's 40th Anniversary and declaring the month of June as City Appreciation Month.

Draft Ordinance No. 99-129 Notice Requirements - Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Lot Area per Dwelling Unit - 1st Reading

City Attorney McLean noted that, if adopted, Draft Ordinance No. 99-129 would expand the public notice requirements for proposals affecting the minimum lot area requirements per dwelling unit. He noted that a public hearing would be required before the ordinance could be adopted.

As some changes were initiated by the Comprehensive Plan, Councilmember Towe suggested that the expanded notification procedures be extended to proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan as well.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman and seconded by Councilmember Wasson to pass Draft Ordinance No. 99-129 on to a second reading at a future council meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Towe, seconded by Councilmember Wasson and passed unanimously to amend the first sentence in Section 1 to read:

“For proposed Comprehensive Plan or textual code amendments regarding lot area per dwelling unit . . .”

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Study Session June 3, 1999

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:53 p.m., Mayor Thomasson announced that the Council would convene in executive session to discuss real property issues, about which public knowledge would be likely to have an adverse effect on price to the detriment of the City.

At 9:15 p.m., Council reconvened in open session.

Approval of Option to Purchase

MOTION was made by Mayor Thomasson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil to approve an option to purchase land and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement substantially in the form as attached.

Councilmember Sherman requested that this action be announced at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Kaplan noted that the impacts of the park plans such as traffic on 24th Avenue South made locating parks in the area a problem. He also voiced opposition to a centralized sports park.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 4 – 2, with Councilmembers Kaplan and Wasson opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:20 p.m., Council convened in executive session to discuss potential litigation to which the City is, or is likely to become, a party and about which public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City.

No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m., the executive session adjourned to open session and the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufy
Deputy City Clerk