

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

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June 4,

The regular study session of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 7:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Bob Sheckler, Gary Towe and Don Wasson. Absent: Councilmember Dan Sherman on vacation. (ED NOTE: Councilmember Sherman was excused at the end of the meeting.) Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Civil Engineer Jim Seitz and City Clerk Denis Staab.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pacific Highway South Project - Design Approval

Civil Engineer Seitz informed Council that since November 1997, the project design team has completed the preliminary conceptual engineering and the initial public involvement process for the proposed improvements. He presented Council with an updated "Preferred Design Alternative" to be placed in their packet material. He noted that several items have been altered to meet Council's and citizen concerns such as signalization at South 220th Street and Metro bus pull-outs. He further advised that several items are still being evaluated such as a 15' outside lane versus the current 14' to accommodate bicycles, and potential signalization near McDonalds. He informed Council that landscaping still needs to be reviewed and evaluated with Public Works and Parks staff and this element is planned to come back to Council in July for final selection. He concluded by advising Council that the City of SeaTac has verbally agreed to a seven lane proposal to ensure a smooth transition northbound from Des Moines.

Steve Worthy, Worthy and Associates, proceeded to present some view foil conceptual landscape ideas for Council. He advised that they will be reviewing plantings for the median areas that are fast growing, low maintenance. He also reviewed some of the types of trees that will be considered for sidewalk plantings, again noting these plant materials will be reviewed with City staff and final recommendations will come to Council sometime in July.

Upon questioning by Council, Civil Engineer Seitz stated that the signalization of South 220th does relieve some of the impact concerns to 28th and 24th Avenues South.

Councilmember Sheckler questioned whether there was a real need to have designated HOV lanes. Civil Engineer Seitz stated that it may be several years down the road before there are actual HOV lanes. Public Works Director Heydon informed Council that after an extensive study, the Washington State Department of Transportation Technical Committee strongly recommended the HOV lanes.

Mayor Thomasson expressed concern that intersection design improvements to side streets have not been fully identified especially at the Kent-Des Moines Road intersection. He noted these improvements could impact the budget for this project.

Mayor Thomasson also expressed concern over the drainage at the south end of the project where it connects with the City of Kent. Public Works Director Heydon advised that he is meeting with the City of Kent staff to ensure the design is unified. He noted they will explore the best methods of accomplishing this i.e. interlocal, shared costs, etc.

Upon questioning from Council, Civil Engineer Seitz advised that the side street intersections are being developed for 300 feet.

City Manager Olander advised that the landscaping design will come before Council for approval in July.

Draft 1998 Intergovernmental Policies

City Manager Olander noted that during the May 7, 1998 meeting, Council reviewed policies up to C.10. He noted changes have been incorporated in the revised draft furnished in Council packets. He requested that Council delay discussion on item C.10 until Councilmember Sherman is present, as he has interest in this item.

Council proceeded to continue review of the Draft Intergovernmental Relations Policies with comments as noted.

- *Item C. State of Washington*

Item 11. New language suggested by City Manager Olander was accepted to read as follows: "The City supports legislation returning to Des Moines at no cost, and with no conditions, any portions of the undeveloped SR-509 right-of-way not used for traffic improvements."

Item 12. CONSENSUS was expressed to accept as drafted.

Item 13. CONSENSUS was expressed to leave in, but split in two parts: 1) annexations, and 2) special purpose districts.

Item 14. CONSENSUS was expressed to leave in.

- *Item D. Federal - Items 1, 2, 3, and 4.*

CONSENSUS was expressed to accept as drafted.

- *Item E. Inter-jurisdictional and Regional*

Item 1. Council requested that this item be redefined to denote "preferred alternative for EIS study."

Item 2 and 3. CONSENSUS was expressed to accept as drafted.

Item 4. CONSENSUS was expressed to leave in, but add an additional policy to address increased costs for jail facilities in general.

Item 5 and 6. CONSENSUS was expressed to accept as drafted.

Item 7. CONSENSUS was expressed to delete.

Item 8. CONSENSUS was to delete for now and invite representatives to a future Council meeting to brief Council on what the benefit is to Des Moines to retain membership in the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Item 9. CONSENSUS was expressed to accept as drafted.

Council's CONSENSUS was to add to the term "Policy" to Items A through E, and the term "Positions" would apply to the numerical items under the policies.

Additional Policy Position Items:

After further Council discussion it was suggested that the City Manager draft language to address support of development of new regional water sources and promote conservation of what already exists. Councilmember Towe also suggested that there be further discussion whether the City should adopt positions on affordable housing and economic development.

City Manager Olander concluded by reminding Council that this document will need to be updated yearly if not more often. He noted he will bring this draft document back for final review and adoption at an upcoming meeting.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Thomasson announced that the next regular Meeting will be June 11, 1998.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:26 p.m. Mayor Thomasson announced that Council will go in to an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters for approximately 30 minutes. He noted that no formal action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 p.m. the Council reconvened to an open session and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk