REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES June 10, 1999

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

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Bob Sheckler, Dan Sherman, and Gary Towe. Absent: Don Wasson. Also present were Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Assistant City Engineer John Morast, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufty.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan, seconded by Councilmember Sherman and passed unanimously to excuse Councilmember Wasson from attendance.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Committee

Councilmember Sheckler noted that the committee had met to discuss policy issues and standards regarding surface water.

Suburban Cities Association

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil noted that the location of next Wednesday's Board of Director's meeting had been changed to Renton Fire Department Training Center.

Public Safety and Transportation

Councilmember Sherman reported that the committee had reviewed the Six-Year Transportation Plan.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Des Moines' 40th Birthday and Renovation of Des Moines City Hall Celebration

Assistant City Manager Piasecki noted that a celebration for the 40th Birthday of Des Moines and the Renovation of City Hall would occur June 17, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Briefing: Y2K

Assistant City Manager Piasecki briefly described the Y2K issue and explained the city's efforts to prepare for the new year. He noted that the City's plan included assessment of the city's system as well as those provided by outside vendors, creation of an action plan, implementation of that plan, testing of systems, and development of a contingent plan. Mr. Piasecki reviewed the Police department's plan for December 31, 1999. In closing, he noted that the City was also checking the Y2K readiness of the utilities that service Des Moines.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufty.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of May 21, 22, 23 & 27, 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 #66999 through #67151 in the total amount of $302,853.56
Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of $276,902.68

3. Motion is to authorize the City Manager to approve all vouchers for payment of the following claims during the period of June 3, through September 1, 1999:

a. All vouchers for payment of payroll checks, including Marina payroll, and
b. All vouchers for payment of claims and Marina checks, provided that all vouchers and checks approved by the City Manager in accordance with this motion shall be presented at the September 9, 1999 meeting.

4. Draft Resolution No. 99-139 ***[Assigned Res. No. 870]*** - Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, granting permission to the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce to use Marina property for an on-water boat show and sale of prepared food and non-alcoholic beverages.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil to approve the consent calendar as read.

In regard to Item No. 3, Mayor Thomasson asked that if Council has a meeting prior to September 9, 1999, the warrants be brought to Council at that time.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Resolution No. 99-137 ***[Assigned Res. No. 871]*** Adopting The 2000-2005 Six Year Transportation Plan

Assistant City Engineer Morast displayed a map illustrating the projects included in the 2000 – 2005 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that the Public Safety and Transportation Committee had studied the plan.

Assistant City Engineer Morast briefly reviewed the following projects scheduled for the first two years of the Plan and their current status:

Arterial Maintenance Program
Des Moines Creek Trail Bridge Project
South 216th Street Sidewalk Project
Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project
16th Avenue South Improvement
2000 Block Grant Project
Sidewalk Program
Neighborhood Traffic Control Program
South 216th Street/24th Avenue South Intersection Improvements
South 216th Street Pedestrian Signal at Wesley Gardens

Des Moines Memorial Drive Improvement
Des Moines Creek Trail Project (Phase 2)
Kent-Des Moines Road Improvement
16th Avenue South & South 260th Street/Woodmont Drive Intersection Improvements
North Twin Bridge Project
South 216th Street Improvement
24th Avenue South Project
South 243rd Street Improvement
16th Avenue South Project
24th Avenue South Improvement
South 250th Street/South 251st Street Improvement

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

Mayor Thomasson called for speakers. None responded.

Mayor Thomasson closed the public hearing.

Upon questioning, Public Works Director Heydon noted that the existing Comprehensive Transportation Plan was developed in 1992. The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program was based upon the city's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. As the northern and southern areas of the city were not yet annexed, the plan did not adequately address the transportation needs of those areas. Mr. Heydon noted that a revised Comprehensive Transportation Plan was currently being developed and would be brought to the Public Safety and Transportation Committee in a month. Public Works Director Heydon noted that arterial projects, sidewalk development, and traffic calming programs could aid traffic and pedestrian flow in the North Hill area. Mr. Heydon confirmed that the new Comprehensive Transportation Plan would include a traffic volume study for 8th Avenue South. He noted that the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program served as a planning document to aid in the coordination of projects between surrounding jurisdictions and to assist in the acquisition of grants.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to adopt Draft Resolution No. 99-137.

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

Councilmember Kaplan suggested that the priority order of the 24th Avenue South Project (South 208th Street to South 216th Street) be switched with the 24th Avenue South Improvements (South 216th Street to Kent-Des Moines Road).

Council concurred.

MOTION was made by Mayor Thomasson and seconded by Councilmember Kaplan to insert 8th Avenue South (South 200th Street to north city limits) and South 200th Street (1st Avenue South to Des Moines Memorial Drive) projects after Priority No. 15 in the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Councilmember Sherman preferred to study the proposed projects in the context of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan which would soon be brought before Council.

Upon questioning from Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, Public Works Director Heydon stated that staff is monitoring the condition of the Des Moines Memorial Drive/Marine View Drive road. He felt that the project should be kept separate from the projects listed in the motion.

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

Public Works Director Heydon noted that the total local investment figures for the projects were contained in the Capital Improvement Plan.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion passed unanimously

AGENDA REVISION

Mayor Thomasson announced that the Well Head Protection Agreement – Water District #54 would not be discussed at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lakehaven Utility District Comprehensive Water System Plan Update

Public Works Director Heydon introduced Don Perry, General Manager for Lakehaven Utility District.

Mr. Perry introduced President of the Board Beverly Tweddle, Consultant Mel Larson, and Lakehaven Utility District staff members Burt Ross and Mary Osburne.

Mr. Ross displayed a map of the jurisdictions within Lakehaven's water service area boundaries.

Mr. Perry reviewed the background of the issue and stated that he hoped to address the concerns raised by council regarding the Comprehensive Water System Plan Update. He proposed the following revisions to his letter, dated May 28, 1999, which was submitted in the packet material:

- Page 3, First Sentence – " . . . municipalities requirements from which it obtains the permits.
- Page 4, Section V.D – " . . . equipment that will provide us the ~~appropriate~~ level of fluoride in the water."

Mr. Perry noted that the trend for the area's growth rate has been less than 1% per year yet the plan was based upon the cities' Comprehensive Plan anticipated growth rate of 1.7%. He stated that Fire District No. 26's fire chief was satisfied with the district's minimum fire flow standards of 1,000 gallons per minute for single family residences and 2,500 gallons per minute for all other land uses. Flow modeling indicated an even higher flow (3,400 gpm) in critical Redondo areas. Upon questioning from Mayor Thomasson, Mr. Perry confirmed that the utility would maintain those standards.

Mayor Thomasson asked that Mr. Perry confirm whether the average daily peak measurement was appropriate to use in the fire flow level analysis versus the average hourly peak.

Mr. Perry informed council that the utility had contracted with Tacoma for water supply and that the necessary pipeline construction was underway and should be completed in November, 1999. He stated that he was confident Lakehaven Utility District could adequately provide water to its customers for at least the next twenty years. Regarding the impact of the Endangered Species Act, Mr. Perry explained that he anticipated little impact as the streams and creeks in the area generally did not have salmon in them. He noted that the surface water supply from Green River could experience impacts from the Endangered Species Act however. The water utilities involved had taken steps to address this issue. Mr. Perry then displayed a chart of the projected funding sources for and uses with Comprehensive Plan Projects. Upon questioning, he confirmed that if the assumptions are correct, customers will experience an increase of approximately 25% in their rates over the next five years. An initial 14% rate increase was scheduled to occur in 2000. If the analysis was based upon the 1% historical growth figures, costs would increase an additional 5%.

In regard to the Oasis Project, Mayor Thomasson expressed his concern with the impact of groundwater withdrawals on the springs. He felt that if the springs feed into the stream systems then the salmon would be impacted.

Mr. Perry stated that the Oasis Project obtains the majority of its water from the ground water supply but at lower levels.

Mayor Thomasson and Councilmembers Kaplan and Sheckler spoke of the need for improved communication between the utility district and the City.

Mr. Perry stated that Lakehaven Utility District Board Meeting packets were now being sent to city staff. Updates on projects and issues would also be provided to city staff on a regularly scheduled basis. He suggested quarterly coordination meetings with city elected officials or staff.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting, July 1, 1999

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk