

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 18, 2005

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

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Thomasson, Councilmembers Richard Benjamin, Gary Petersen, Dan Sherman, Maggie Steenrod and Susan White. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Linda Marousek, Assistant City Attorney Richard Brown, Finance Director Paula Henderson, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Police Chief Roger Baker, Police Commander Kevin Tucker and City Clerk Denis Staab.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bob Pond, 23116 30th Avenue South

Mr. Pond informed Council that last night the area around the Kings Arms Motel on 30th Avenue South was like a war zone. He advised that an armed gunman is still on the loose. He stated that he is representing a 100 citizens that signed his petition citing the Motel as the worst problem on 30th Avenue South. He felt that the hotel/motel ordinance passed a couple of years ago has had little or no impact. He expressed his outrage that this type of activity occurs on a regular basis and felt that no business has the right to victimize a whole neighborhood or town. He requested that an abatement be served on the motel, or hire a full time Police Officer paid by the Motel. He also felt more police officers is not the answer as we cannot pay our way out of the problems, but grow our way out by being smart with our low tax base. He also reported to Council that at the south end of 30th Ave. S a right turn only was installed, which was an excellent idea. However, the City must stop people from making illegal corner cutting by using the parking lot of the doughnut shop, Midas Muffler and Farmer's Insurance by installing signage and issuing tickets.

Clark Snure, 27423 8th Avenue South (Representing the Legacy Foundation)

In reference to Consent Item #7 on the Agenda, Mr. Snure informed Council that the Legacy Foundation Board voted to provide additional funding for the Activity Center exterior improvement project for completing the project as designed. He advised that Board has on hand funds in the amount of \$17,081.60 contribute if Council will add in alternates 3) construction of trellis/arbor, 4) installation of wall mounted lights and 5) installation of 9 pathway lighting bollards.

City Manager Piasecki advised that Council has been furnished with an updated consent item with a motion to accept the additional funding so the 3 alternatives can be approved. He noted that if needed a budget amendment can be made to include the additional expenditure in the MCI Fund.

Earline Byers, Des Moines

Ms. Byers thanked the Mayor for the Leadership Summit held last Saturday. She acknowledged the quality of the leaders and the participation in the Summit, and felt it was very successful as the beginning of something that can be very great. She noted that while some of the ideas are not new, she had a strong sense that with the support of the City and the participation of individuals,

we may be able to make things happen. She advised that she was in attendance representing the Des Moines News.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Levy Lid Lift

Councilmember Steenrod requested an estimate of how many arrests the Police have made in the Redondo Square area in the last two years.

South County Area Transportation Board

Councilmember Sherman reported attending a Board meeting on Tuesday. He noted the following items:

- City dues, based on population, should be \$50.00
- Sound Transit Phase II: Requested priority of projects - Laying of track from Airport to Federal Way include new station in Des Moines, would be his priority.
- Meeting with members from the cities of Kent, SeaTac and Federal Way, and King County to discuss where line should go - 1) Highway 99 or 2) I-5.

Councilmember Sherman requested Councilmembers contact him to express their preference for Sound Transit Phase II between Highway 99 or I-5. He noted one negative impact if Highway 99 is used would be blocked access from side streets if train is going by.

Mayor's Leadership Summit

Councilmember Sherman reported attending the Summit and noted that the Mayor has prepared a summary that has been distributed to Councilmembers. He advised that community leaders who attended indicated they are willing to be involved in any committees that might be formed on the major priority issues that the group established. He noted the priorities established were:

- Improve City-wide aesthetics and/or beautification
- Make Des Moines a destination/create a Marina district
- More community events
- Encourage partnerships
- Encourage more business in Des Moines/shop in Des Moines Program
- Streamline or improve the City's permitting process
- Programs for youths and seniors
- Enhance public safety
- Better City-wide communication and/or information sharing

He noted while these are ideas are not new, it helps to put new energy into these ideas.

Mayor's Leadership Summit

Councilmember White commented that she was out of town and could not attend the summit, but advised that she has heard positive comments from those in attendance that it was very productive.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor's Leadership Summit

Mayor Sheckler advised that he and fifty community leaders, along with 10 City staff members, attended the Summit and spent five very productive hours discussing how, we as a community, can make Des Moines a better place.

He stated that a summary of the event listing priorities, who is volunteering to work on the priorities, a list of those who were in attendance and a summary of the participants evaluation of the event, will be ready for distribution tomorrow.

In conclusion he advised that the Committees will be forming soon and a next meeting date will be established.

City Manager Piasecki added that he was impressed that everyone who said they would attend, did, especially for a beautiful sunny Saturday. He felt the Mayor's opening comments summed everything up with the statement: "The real goal is to create a sense of community that will be the envy of the Puget Sound region." He expressed good feelings for the future for community leaders to be able to adapt and address issues that come up in the community, that the community needs to talk about. He noted City staff will play a supportive, helpful roll and only provide advise when asked.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Economic Strategy

Councilmember Benjamin remarked that over the last four years he has heard comments from citizens, City Council and City staff regarding the need for an economic strategy. He noted everyone seems to agree that Des Moines has a gem that needs to be "buffed". He felt this was reflected in the great attendance at the Leadership Summit. He stated that the Marina is the greatest asset, and probably the least promoted. He congratulated Harbormaster Dusenbury and Marina staff member Joe Jewel for an event this week-end at the Marina, to bring in yacht clubs from across Puget Sound. He invited citizens to come to the Marina and welcome the visitors to Des Moines.

Harbormaster Dusenbury informed Council that the idea is to market the Marina to yacht clubs and cruising groups from around the Sound. He advised that Queen City Yacht Club and the local Power Squadron will be at the Marina. A social hour is planned for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and entertainment will be provided.

B & O Tax

In regards to maintaining existing businesses in Des Moines, Councilmember Steenrod questioned when Council will re-visit the language which is contained in the B & O Tax ordinance. She felt that there are some issues that need to be addressed.

Mayor Sheckler advised he will get with the City Manager and see which Agenda it can be worked in to.

City Attorney Marousek requested Councilmember Steenrod makes some notes as to which particular issues or language in the B & O ordinance she feels needs to be addressed so legal staff can do some research.

Convicted Sex Offender Laws

Councilmember Steenrod requested that administration and legal staff review the City of Issaquah's new ordinance regarding convicted sex offenders. She requested information regarding State law, how does Des Moines' laws measure up, and whether Council should be looking at tightening up our standards to protect citizens.

Fireworks Ban

Councilmember Sherman referenced an article in the King County Journal from August 11th titled 'Renton Fire Works Ban Was Dramatic Success'. He noted how much effect the ban had in Renton this year and commenting that Des Moines' ban will be in effect in 2006. He stated the article also mentioned that a lobbyist for the Fireworks industry is intending to file initiative campaigns in a variety of cities, including Des Moines, to try to reverse the ban.

B & O Tax

Councilmember Sherman commented that he remembers that the State requires that if you enact a B & O Tax you must take the entire State Code, so Des Moines may not have a choice in certain matters that are contained within the adopted ordinance.

Comments From the Public - Bob Pond

Councilmember Sherman requested administration address the issues Mr. Pond brought up earlier and advise Council on any proposed plans.

Proposed Police Sub-station at Redondo

Councilmember White informed Council she has researched the issue of a police sub-station at Redondo and has talked to Tukwila and Kent. She advised that both cities have found the sub-stations to be very valuable tools. She requested Councilmembers consider this issue thoroughly as comments from the community indicate there is a need and she feels this is an important item.

Comments From the Public - Bob Pond

Councilmember Petersen remarked on Mr. Pond's earlier comments and noted he has personally witnessed the traffic issues at the doughnut shop with vehicles cutting through the parking lot at speeds up to 15 mph, and one time, young children nearly being struck. He felt the situation is dangerous and someone is likely to be killed if the situation is not fixed soon.

Interim Mt. Rainier High School Parking/Traffic Issues

Mayor Pro Tem requested an update on the parking/traffic issues in the North Hill neighborhood as school will be starting soon.

Marina Master Plan

Mayor Sheckler requested Councilmembers confirm with him if they are available either September 17th or 18th to hold a mini retreat to discuss the Marina Master Plan.

Car Show

Mayor Sheckler announced there will be a car show this week-end at the Field House. He noted that between 200 and 250 Chevilles and El Caminos from all over the Country will be on display. He noted he will be giving a Mayor's award for his favorite vehicle.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Interim Mt. Rainier High School Parking/Traffic Issues

City Manager Piasecki stated that the School District is working on creating enough parking spots for the demand. They have made arrangements to use a church parking lot, just to the east of the interim school, for the first few weeks until parking spaces are complete at the school. He informed Council that staff is working with the District almost on an hourly basis to complete the project. He advised that the Police will provide a strong police presence and enforcement process for at least the first few weeks of school, and longer if needed.

Midway Park Grand Re-opening

City Manager Piasecki announced that everyone is invited to attend the ceremony scheduled for August 27th. He noted that Des Moines Rotary Club will be installing new play equipment this week-end.

New Des Moines' Events

City Manager Piasecki informed Council he has received unsolicited requests for two new events to be held in Des Moines. They are:

1. A Bicycle Race - A Puget Sound Bike Club has been in contact via e-mail to hold a race in Des Moines. Potentially the race would be held next summer.
2. Farmers Market - Contacted via telephone from 'Farming and the Environment', a group dedicated to help family farms survive and thrive. A representative has met with him and toured the City and is interested in perhaps starting a market next May, most likely at the Marina.

He noted he will continue contact with both groups and will keep Council advised.

Response to Comments From the Public - Bob Pond

Police Chief Baker briefed Council concerning increased criminal activity in the Pacific Ridge Area. He noted the same is true for the cities of SeaTac and Kent. He advised that the cities have met to discuss how to work together to resolve some of the issues. He noted a "Neighborhood Emphasis" team has been created from Des Moines which includes one Sergeant and four officers. They will work with the owners of the property in the area to identify criminal elements in order to focus attention on those elements. They will work with other City departments to cut back bushes and encourage owners of properties to make necessary repairs to fences to discourage further criminal activity. He also noted his department is also working closely with King County law enforcement.

He reported that last night there was an attempted robbery at the Kings Arms Motel, that involved a victim being shot, who is recovering. The suspect has been identified and teams are in the process of attempting to apprehend at this time. He further reported two hidden guns were found along South 216th and 29th and 30th Avenues South, along with a machete.

He noted that in response to the increased activity in the area, Police resources have been reallocated, so more routine calls will not be responded to as immediately as they might have been.

City Manager Piasecki advised that it has been a little over two years since the 'hotel-motel' ordinance was enacted. He noted that the first year most were in compliance, but in the second year some of the establishments have gotten worse. He stated that he has directed the Police

Chief to enforce the ordinance to its fullest. He also noted that the City's nuisance Code will also be fully enforced. The emphasis will be to deal with those businesses that are creating and adding to the increased criminal activity.

Councilmember Benjamin reported being at the 7-11 Store at S 216th and Pacific Highway South, just across from Des Moines city limits and was aggressively solicited for prostitution. He questioned what steps are being taken to curb this activity.

Chief Baker advised that the Neighborhood Emphasis patrol is focusing on this activity, along with the other city agencies and the County. He noted that some of Des Moines problem is that some of the motels and apartments in the area could be better managed. He stated that the department now believes that some of the folks that are organizing and operating the prostitution, gangs and drug sales are now living in the Pacific Ridge Area. He advised that the agencies are working together not to just get it out of our City, but getting it out of the area.

In response to questioning whether a sub-station in the area would help, Chief Baker stated that as the Pacific Ridge Area starts to redevelop in earnest, there may be an opportunity to have a facility in that area than can be used by several City departments, including the Police Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the special minutes of July 9, and the regular minutes of July 14, 2005.
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 42.24.090, 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 checks #100276 through #100451 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of \$638,805.85

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$350,500.14

3. Motion is to approve the surplusage of one A-2 Light Pole and authorize the disposal of by auction, sale, or transfer to other departments or agencies.
4. Motion is to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Auburn for jail services and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.
5. Motion is to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Renton Jail for jail services and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.
6. Motion is to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fife for Jail services and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.
7. Motion is to approve the Contract for the Des Moines Activity Center Exterior Improvement Project with Mayer Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$53,318.00 plus tax, and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract substantially in the form as submitted. And to authorize the City Manager to approve change orders not to exceed 10% of the total contract amount.
8. Motion is to approve the Information Technology Primary Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Courts and the City of Des Moines for computer replacement and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.
9. Draft Resolution No. 05-158 **[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 996]** - Title: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, approving the Collective Bargaining

Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Police Guild regarding wages, hours and working conditions for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007.

MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 05-158.

In regards to Consent Item #7, Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson noted that the curb, gutter and sidewalk were not included. City Manager Piasecki advised that the bid packet is being prepared for these items and the plan is to have it done this year.

Upon questioning regarding Consent Items #4, #5 and #6, City Manager Piasecki advised that only accredited Jails run by the state, county or cities can be used. He also noted it is cheaper to contract with others than to build our own, and that most city jail facilities are much cheaper to use than King County.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson and passed unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Ordinance No. 05-155 2006 Budget - Potential Levy Lid Lift - 1st Reading

Upon questioning by Councilmember Sherman, City Manager Piasecki noted that the ballot language would allow the \$1.60 and all the collections that it brings in, to go up by an additional 4% every year. When you get to the sixth year the effective rate, because of the increase in the assessed value, is about \$1.53 and from then on you go back to the 101%.

Finance Director Henderson also advised that the City's regular levy will go by the 104% as well. She pointed out that at the end of the sixth year, Council can elect to have the base be the levy amount or not. If Council chooses not to, the levy rate will revert back to what it would have been without the levy lid lift.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson felt that the proposition language does not say "establishing the new base for future increases" so it is not clear. He also noted that we do not always get 1%, it may be less depending upon the cost of living.

City Manager Piasecki pointed out that the language does include 1% per year increase per chapter 84.55 of RCW, which speaks to whichever is lower.

Due to the limit on words allowed in the proposition language, Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson stated that Section one of the Ordinance should contain more explicit language regarding the establishment of the new base for future increases.

City Manager Piasecki felt Section 1 can be reworded to address concerns raised by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, so if someone is reading the ordinance they will understand the mechanics.

City Manager Piasecki pointed out that the 36.7% is in the City's portion of the property tax, not on the entire bill. The City's portion of the property tax is about 10-12% of the bottom line.

Upon questioning, City Manager Piasecki advised that should the measure pass, the funds can only be used as indicated such as hiring additional number of Police officers, sergeants,

technology, the Redondo police sub-station. In other words, passage would guarantee maintaining the Police Department at that level for at least six years.

City Attorney Marousek commented that it would be appropriate to add a new section to the draft ordinance to use the language in the title that states "to provide funds for new enforcement purposes that include" and list specifics.

City Manager Piasecki added that the ordinance could be more specific as to the number of new officers and types of technology, etc.

Mayor Sheckler felt that it is imperative to inform the public of the specific law enforcement use, otherwise it will be assumed it is general fund money and would most likely will be defeated.

Councilmember White stressed that if there is a way the City can fund the Redondo police substation separately we should do so.

Mayor Sheckler commented that he has not seen a general consensus of Councilmembers who want to fund the substation as a separate issue.

Councilmember Benjamin stated he is in favor of supporting the police department to have resources available so that they can effectively do their job. However, while there is a need in the Redondo area he feels there is a greater need in the Pacific Ridge Area. Therefore, he is concerned that there may not be enough funds to address that area if the ordinance speaks only to the Redondo area.

City Manager Piasecki advised that if this levy passes, it only limits spending less on law enforcement. However, Council certainly can allocate more funds to law enforcement should they so desire.

Councilmember Benjamin noted that he would like to see specific language in the draft ordinance that addresses the Pacific Ridge Area crime problems.

Police Chief Baker addressed Council reminding Council that rather than using the language of new law enforcement expenditures, the language should stress that we are restoring positions to bring the police department back to levels in 1999. He also advised that crime in the City is quite transient, and this increase in funding would provide for a fifth patrol team, along with support staff, to do crime analysis and other functions to provide real time information on where crime is occurring and who the department should be looking for. The team will be designed to go anywhere in the City and address crime and issues anywhere they are occurring, not just in the Redondo area.

9:02 p.m. Mayor Sheckler called for a 10 minute break.

Continued Discussion - Draft Ordinance No. 05-155 2006 Budget - Potential Levy Lid Lift - 1st Reading

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin, to pass on for a second reading at the September 8, 2005, City Council meeting Draft Ordinance No. 05-155 providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Des Moines at an election to be held on November 8, 2005 of a proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levies annually for six years above the limit established in RCW 84.55.010

to provide funds for new law enforcement purposes including personnel, vehicles, equipment, technology improvements, sub-station improvements, office improvements and increased operational costs that would approve a maximum regular property tax levy rate for 2006 of \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed value, and authorize annual increases in the levy amount by 4 percent, thereby setting the limit factor at 104 percent, for each of the five succeeding years, and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW based on the new voter-approved limit, directing the City Clerk to certify a copy of this ordinance to the King County Records & Elections Division, and setting forth the ballot proposition.

Councilmember Sherman commented that in a second reading verbiage needs to clarify specific items the funds will be used for. He advised that based on information he has received from the Police Department, citizens and personal observation, that the people of the City should have the opportunity to increase the amount of Police services. The ordinance will give the citizens the opportunity to say if they want increased police services or whether they are happy with the status quo. He noted while he will not tell citizens how to vote, he will vote in favor as he wants increased services for the whole City. He advised that even if the City funded a Redondo sub-station on their own there is no funds to adequately staff it properly, but if the levy lid passes then the City will be able to staff appropriately and reach a goal to protect all of the City. It is up to the citizens to decide.

Mayor Sheckler stated that he has heard two things from Council, one the need for a Redondo Police sub-station and two, the need to address the major crime problems in the City that are mainly in the Pacific Ridge Area before it moves into the residential and down-town area. He suggested Council consider the possibility of having two sub-stations should the levy lid pass.

City Manager Piasecki questioned whether one of the sub-stations would be funded by the levy lid lift and then have the other one funded by the earlier suggestions staff had proposed?

Mayor Sheckler stated that is one possibility.

City Manager Piasecki advised that staff would need to review revenues to see how things could be funded.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson advised that he has mixed emotions. He noted Council has been dealing budget issues for several years since passage of I-695 which took away significant City revenues. Other initiatives have removed even more revenue to the City and this has all occurred from voter activity. He noted that if he was a betting person, this will fail miserably, the same as last year. He noted Councilmember Sherman felt we should give the voters the right to choose, but there is a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000 to put this on the ballot, therefore if there is little chance of passage, he felt it may not be worth the cost. He stated that last year Council choose to use one-time money and some reserves, and we have taken another \$500,000 out of reserves and the City still has a \$100,000 shortfall. He advised that Council has not solved the issue of how to balance the budget. He noted that because of the way the State law structures the levy lid lift and multi-year proposition, it says that what we add to it, we cannot take away from the base programs that we already have. He noted this will essentially freeze about 50% of the budget for law enforcement for six years worth of budget process in terms of Council decisions about how to weigh priorities and what can be cut, versus what can be added. If this levy passes, no cuts could be made to law enforcement but only other City departments. He felt this would tie future Council's hands for at least six years. He concluded that he cannot support this the way it is

packaged and the limitations it creates on budgeting discretion, and he feels the voter attitude is such that he does not feel the ballot measure will pass. He noted that the Council audience has not been filled with citizens requesting Council do this for them. He also noted he would not want any ordinance passed that would commit to any particular sub-station. He noted the offer on the table for space at Redondo may not even still be available in November and if we have committed to a sub-station it could run as high as \$100,000.00 not \$12,000. He also felt it is not the sub-station that will stop crime, it is the Police.

Councilmember Steenrod expressed concern that Council is trying to put a City wide solution to a local problem. She felt that from what she has heard, the problem is the Pacific Ridge Area and Pacific Highway South. She questioned whether there is a tool that would help solve this problem area without having to tax the entire City. She felt the problem areas are South 216th and Pacific Highway on one end, and South 272nd and Pacific Highway on the south. She noted the arrest rate on the Des Moines' side at South 272nd and questioned what Kent and Federal Way Police are doing in that area. She called attention to the fact that this is another reason why it is important to get boundary lines straightened out, especially with the City of Kent. She requested Commander Tucker explain some of the police difficulties in regards to the right-of-way boundary issues.

Commander Tucker noted the boundary problems at one intersection near Redondo involve Kent, Federal Way and unincorporated King County. He advised that Des Moines has a boundary that begins with the property immediately west of the Highway. So any incidents that happen on Pacific Highway when Des Moines' Police make an arrest, they have to cite to the appropriate court, which in turn takes the officer out of the area to attend any court hearings.

Councilmember Steenrod pointed out that this type of incidents costs Des Moines more than it would if the officers could write citations to Des Moines Municipal Court if they boundaries were changed. She questioned whether the jurisdictions could get together to create agreements on how to handle these issues. She also felt that installation of cameras in this type of high crime area would be helpful.

Commander Tucker noted that cameras would be helpful, first as a deterrent and it would help with the prosecution of criminals to be able to show an event occurred.

Councilmember Steenrod felt it is important to have the right language in the ordinance to stress to voters the need and what will be changed if they vote for the issue. She felt there is a better chance of passage if the language is more specific as to the targeted area versus just a general increase in police services.

Commander Tucker advised that the department has lost a lot of staff over the years. He stressed that officers on the street help prevent crime. He advised that the City of Tukwila has seen a large decrease in crime with the use of cameras and visible staff on the streets. He reminded Council that it is more than just the Pacific Ridge Area that is hurting, but the entire City is seeing an increase in crime. He felt at this time the department only has minimum staffing on the streets.

Councilmember Steenrod felt that it is important that the ballot language should include the language "to restore law enforcement funding to 1999 levels". She noted this would tell the voters we are not adding anything new, but restoring services due to increased crime.

Commander Tucker noted this funding would not fully restore to 1999 levels, but only a portion of that level. He advised that anyone who is interested in the statistics can call his office and he will gladly share that information. He stated the department has determined the minimum amount of funds needed to make an impact and that is what this issue, if approved, would do.

Upon questioning by Councilmember Benjamin, Police Chief Baker noted an earlier power point presentation showed the true relationship between the lower staffing and higher crime rate. He felt that there needs to be a balance of technology and labor hours that will resolve the issue, in being pro-active rather than reactive. He advised the department is seeking to restore some level of funding so they can go after the root causes of crime in the community.

Councilmember Benjamin stated Council needs to give voters as much information as possible, including identified needs and how this can enhance the community as a whole.

Councilmember White noted that crime rates can have a very direct impact on the City's economic vitality and with future economic development.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement with Highline School District for School Resource Officer

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin, to approve the agreement for a School Resource Officer between the City of Des Moines and Highline School District for the two year period commencing September 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson voiced support of the agreement but felt a budget amendment may be necessary for increased expenditures and an additional Police Officer.

City Manager Piasecki acknowledged Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson is correct and this will be done.

Councilmember Sherman stated that the School District will be paying for the expense of this Officer so there will be direct financial impact to the City.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At 10:06 p.m. MOTION was made by Councilmember Benjamin to adjourn. Motion died for lack of a second.

REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

1. Paid Parking Plan in the City of Des Moines AND, 2. Economic Development Matrix

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Petersen, that the two remaining agenda items be placed on the next available Council agenda as determined by the Mayor and City Manager. Motion passed 5 to 2 with Councilmembers Steenrod and Sherman opposed.

Councilmember Sherman voiced disappointment that Council did not address the paid parking agenda item as this is another potential mechanism for raising revenue at a time when funding is a critical issue for the City, and also the Economic Development Matrix agenda item as economic development is essential for on-going revenues.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Mayor Sheckler noted that the next regular meeting will be September 8, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Benjamin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson to adjourn. Motion passed 5 to 2 with Councilmembers Sherman and Steenrod opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk

ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING OF 8/18/05

- Estimate/statistics of how many arrests the Police have made in the Redondo Square area in the last two years.