

PRELIMINARY
REGULAR MEETING OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 12, 1996

At 7:30 p.m., the Mayor announced that the Executive Session had concluded and the regular meeting would begin in approximately ten minutes.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Councilmember Sherman.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Bruce Roberts, Bob Sheckler, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe, and Don Wasson. Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Henry Frause, Normandy Park

City Manager Olander read a letter to Council from Henry Frause regarding the CTI project. In his letter, Mr. Frause stated that municipal corporations were formed to protect people. He asked Council to remember this role when considering the CTI project.

Letter from Sharon Butler, Des Moines

City Manager Olander read a letter to Council from Sharon Butler regarding the senior programs. She stated that the Senior Center must expand its programs and services to meet the growing needs of the senior community. She also attached a letter addressed to the Des Moines News' editor clarifying that she did not resign from Des Moines Referral Service.

City Manager Olander thanked Ms. Butler for her service to the community.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marian Fitzpatrick, 20209 4th Place S

On behalf of several of her neighbors, Ms. Fitzpatrick addressed Council regarding the following issues in her neighborhood:

- Drainage problems,
- Unpaved street and
- Police related problems

She asked for Council's suggestions and assistance in meeting these needs. In closing, Ms. Fitzpatrick requested resident priority for the Marina launch facilities.

City Manager Olander asked Public Works Director Heydon and Lieutenant O'Leary to contact Ms. Fitzpatrick to discuss possible solutions for her concerns.

Lee Rosenstein, 15001 8th Avenue SW

On behalf of Ruth Dykeman Youth and Family Services, Mr. Rosenstein invited Council to participate in the 24 Hour Relay Challenge, October 5-6, 1996 at Sylvester Middle School. The community event will earn money for youth programs and drug prevention programs. He noted that it is an opportunity for youth and adults to work together.

Jesson Mata, 2245 South 216th

Mr. Mata stated that he is proud to have a city council that cares about the community's youth. He encouraged Council to form a relay team and participate in the 24 Hour Relay Challenge.

Lew Anderson, 1650 South 244th Place

Mr. Anderson spoke in opposition to the Fields and Streams Proposition. He felt that Des Moines would have more money to work with if the projects were developed locally, rather than at the County level. In closing, he asked Council to do the right thing.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Facilities Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil reported that the Municipal Facilities Committee had been briefed on the new police facility progress. The City Manager would distribute the budget summary of the project to Council. He noted that the project is approximately 50% complete and within its contingency budget. The committee also reviewed the city's telecommunication system needs.

Senior Services Advisory Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil noted that there is a vacancy on the Senior Services Advisory Committee.

Suburban Cities Association

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil reported that the Suburban Cities Association discussed the expected increase in King County Jail fees. He noted that the 1997 budget had been approved and that the Association would be investigating ways to improve representation efficiency.

Councilmember Sherman noted that Suburban Cities Association was not unanimous in its support of the RTA proposal.

Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Wasson reported that a representative from the Post Office spoke at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He noted that construction of the new post office is scheduled for 1997. The new office will serve the carriers while the existing post office will handle retail business.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Briefing: 1996 Waterland Festival

Lieutenant O'Leary informed Council that the Waterland Festival was very successful. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce and City staff for their efforts. He reviewed the budget of the event.

City Manager Olander noted that the family oriented event had very few crime related incidents.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufy.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of August 1, 8 and 13, 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 #52716 through #53213 in the total amount of \$1,212,774.58

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$362,480.88

3. Motion is to purchase the Gaskill Property in the amount of \$32,500 plus closing costs, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase and sale agreement.
4. Motion is to approve the amendment to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and the City of Des Moines for Open Space Bond Acquisition Projects and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement.
5. Draft Resolution No. 96-173 [Assigned Res. No. 817] - Title: A Resolution of the City of Des Moines, Washington approving a subdivision and the final plat of Des Moines Highlands as shown and described in administration file number FP96-046.

MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 96-173 in substantially the form presented.

6. Motion is to set a public hearing for September 26, 1996, to consider Draft Ordinance No. 96-180.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Senior Advisory Committee

On behalf of the Senior Advisory Committee, John Rann named the members of the committee and stated that the Committee has identified the following study topics:

- 1997 King County Funding
- Telephone Reassurance
- 1997 Normandy Park Funding
- Other funding sources
- Community/Senior Center
- Homesharing
- Transportation
- Senior Resource Guide
- Tracking State & Federal
- Senior Alert Page
- Legislation that impacts senior citizens

Mr. Rann noted that the committee is working to train its members at this time.

Councilmember Towe suggested that the Human Services Committee and Senior Advisory Committee keep each other informed of upcoming programs.

PUBLIC HEARING

SR509 Alternatives

Public Works Director Heydon introduced Craig Stone of the Washington State Department of Transportation Office of Urban Mobility and Geoff Baillie, Project Management Consultant with Berger/Abam Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Baillie gave a brief history of the Executive Committee's work. He noted that the following issues were now before the Executive Committee:

- Screen out Alternative 4,
- Declare Alternative 2 Corridor as the "preferred" alternative, and
- Pursue "Project Level" SDEIS and FEIS for Alternatives 1, 2, 2B, and 3DW.

Mr. Stone noted that the Executive Committee is comprised of representatives from Des Moines, SeaTac, King County/METRO, Port of Seattle and Legislators Maryann Mitchell and Julia Patterson. He displayed and described the maps of Alternatives 2, 3, and 4. He noted that the Federal Highway Administration was not likely to approve Alternative 4 as it does not meet the criteria of Department of Transportation Act, Section 4f and Executive Order 11990 -- Protection of Wetlands. He stated that the steering committee unanimously supports the selection of Alternative 2 Corridor as the preferred alternative. He reviewed the funding sources of the project.

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

SPEAKERS

Debi DesMarais, 31500 1st Avenue South, Federal Way

Ms. DesMarais questioned whether the SR509 project could be funded with ISTEA funds as federal funds cannot be applied to a project that violates the carbon monoxide level standards. She voiced concern for the environment, pollution levels, and individuals displaced by the proposed SR509 and third runway projects. She asked Council to support Alternative 1 (No Action). Ms. DesMarais gave Council a copy of her letter to Dale Morimoto, Environmental Manager at Washington State Department of Transportation (Exhibit 1).

Don Reicks, 21221 5th Avenue South

Mr. Reicks felt that the alternatives presented focused on the impact to the environment rather than the impact to people. He urged Council to support Alternative 1 until an option providing a way to get traffic through the Des Moines area and utilizing elevated overpasses was studied. He felt that adoption of Alternative 2 would not solve the long term traffic needs of the area.

Mayor Thomasson called for additional speakers. None responded.

At 9:05 p.m., Mayor Thomasson declared a ten minute break.

Mr. Stone noted that the air quality issues would be studied during the EIS process but spot checks have indicated that carbon monoxide levels will not be exceeded. Due to the amount of dollars involved in the project, he informed Council that some phasing options for the project have been studied.

Upon questioning, Mr. Baillie described the “Levels of Service” rating scale.

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil requested that the maps reflect the current city limits of Des Moines.

Mr. Stone stated that preliminary studies indicate that Alternatives 1 and 2 would cause no reduction in traffic congestion at the intersection of Des Moines Memorial Drive and First Avenue South. Development of Alternative 2B, however, would provide a 16% decrease in congestion levels to that area.

Mayor Thomasson closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil to direct Councilmember Sherman to vote to eliminate Alternative 4 from further analysis.

Councilmember Wasson voiced his opinion that the SR509 process had been dishonest from the beginning and a waste of taxpayers’ money. He felt that Alternative 4 could have been designed to avoid park and wetland areas. He stated that the State had previously assured Des Moines that overpasses would be constructed to maintain east/west access for the City.

Councilmember Roberts stated that the people south of Kent-Des Moines Road already have to deal with airport noise. Alternate 4 would force them to have freeway noise as well. Therefore, he was opposed to Alternative 4.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 6 - 1, with Councilmember Wasson opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler and seconded by Mayor Thomasson to direct the City of Des Moines representative to the Executive Committee of the SR 509/South Access Road Project represent the City by voting to have Alternative 2 Corridor as the recommended alternative.

Mr. Stone clarified that alternative 2B would be studied with the Alternative 2 Corridor.

Councilmember Sherman questioned how much benefit would come to Des Moines through the Alternative 2 Corridor option.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 4 - 3, with Councilmembers Wasson, Sherman, and Roberts opposed.

MOTION was made by Mayor Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, and passed unanimously to discourage Alternative 3DW from consideration.

City Manager Olander reminded Council that the issue will come before them again after the EIS is performed.

At 10:20 p.m., **MOTION** was made by Councilmember Wasson and seconded by Councilmember Sheckler to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. **Motion** passed, 5 - 2, with Mayor Pro Tem Brazil and Councilmember Towe opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

1997-2002 Capital Improvement Plan Review - Purchase of Puget Power Property

City Manager Olander described the Puget Power property. He encouraged the Council to consider the property for Public Works storage yard use only as lease of the building would not provide sufficient funding. He estimated that the fuel tanks on the property would save the City \$12,000 - \$15,000 annually. He described two possible funding options. City Manager Olander noted that the letter of negotiation with Puget Power would expire at the end of September.

Mayor Thomasson voiced opposition to placing a public works storage yard in a residential zone. He preferred to purchase the property for park use.

Councilmember Towe urged Council to refrain from taking any action until the next Council meeting. He felt that Council should be aware of the City's complete financial picture before committing to any additional capital improvement projects. He stated that Council should review the property located at South 222nd Street and Council's rezone concerns. Councilmember Towe requested that more options be explored before a decision was made.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Mayor Thomasson to table the issue for two weeks. **VOTE ON MOTION:** Motion passed, 4 - 3, with Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, Councilmembers Wasson and Sheckler opposed.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting September 26, 1996

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk