

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 27, 2001

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Thomasson in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sheckler, Councilmembers Terry Brazil, Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), and Don Wasson. Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Finance Director Scott McCarty, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, Commander John O’Leary, Assistant City Engineer Maiya Andrews, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

METRO Bus Route 166

Councilmember Sherman announced that METRO Bus Route 166 will resume this weekend with a revised route through Des Moines. He also noted that King County Councilmember Les Thomas had tried unsuccessfully to have Route 189 reinstated.

At 7:35 p.m., Councilmember Towe arrived.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

Presentation of MPO Steven J. Underwood Memorial Coins

Mayor Thomasson introduced Des Moines Police Chaplain Tim Klerekoper.

Chaplain Klerekoper introduced Sharon Underwood, mother of Steven Underwood, and Commander John O’Leary. He acknowledged the outpouring of support offered by the community following the death of MPO Underwood. Chaplain Klerekoper said that a memorial coin had been struck in memory of MPO Underwood to honor his service to his department and his community. The Underwood family had previously presented a memorial coin to each member of the Police department. On behalf of the Underwood family and the Police Department, Chaplain Klerekoper, Ms. Underwood, and Commander O’Leary then presented coins to the following individuals for their efforts and support during that time:

Mayor Thomasson	Councilmember Wasson
Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler	City Manager Bob Olander
Councilmember Brazil	Finance Director Scott McCarty
Councilmember Kaplan	City Attorney Gary McLean
Councilmember Sherman	Deputy City Clerk Angie Chaufy
Councilmember Towe	

Chaplain Klerekoper thanked Blumenthals Uniform, Lago Azul Restaurant, Susan McGayin Catering, Washington Memorial Funeral Home, Des Moines Kiwanis Club, and Northwest

Memorial Mint for their support of this project. He announced that the memorial coins would be available for purchase at the Police Department and Blumenthals Uniforms. Proceeds from the sale would be given to the Chaplain's Fund.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Year 2000 Public Works Projects – Contingency Usage

In response to Council's request for a report on the use of contingency funds for Public Works projects, Assistant City Engineer Andrews noted that the Public Works department had completed 21 contracts in the past three years. She displayed a graph illustrating the variances from the original contract costs. Assistant City Engineer Andrews noted that most of the contracts required no contingency funds and that some projects were actually completed under the original contract amount. She summarized the following types of contracts and the factors that contribute to the use of contingency funds:

Unit Price Bid Contracts

- Unforeseen conditions occurring during construction.
- Conflicts with buried utilities.
- Failure of adjacent or existing materials.
- Time lapse between design and construction causes conditions to change.

Construction Management Contracts

- Added work.
- Unusual subsurface conditions require additional testing.
- Variation of experience and skill level of contractors.

Design/Consultant Contracts

- Cost plus fixed fee.
- Additional surveying work required.
- Additional analysis required by environmental permits.
- Additional subsurface investigation required.

In closing, Assistant City Engineer Andrews said that staff closely monitored the use of project funds and felt that the contingency funds allowed staff to react quickly to minimize delay time and reduce additional costs.

Councilmember Kaplan thanked the Public Works department for the information.

City of Des Moines 2000 Fiscal Audit Report

City Manager Olander announced that he had distributed copies of the City's 2000 fiscal audit to Council. He reported that the State Auditors had determined that the City had complied with all state, federal, and local regulations. The report said that all financial statements were complete and accurate and there were no findings. He thanked the Finance department for their continuing efforts.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chauffy.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of September 6 and 13, 2001.

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 # 77881 through #78058 in the total amount of \$271,415.19

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$282,493.13

3. Motion is to purchase 851 square feet of land and improvements from Willy and Ella Ahlers in the amount of \$29,676 plus closing costs, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

4. Motion is to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement between the jurisdictions located within Water Resource Inventory Area 9 for the purpose of sharing the cost of preparing a WRIA-based Watershed Plan and to authorize the City Manager to sign such amendment substantially in the form as submitted.

5. Motion is to approve the 2001 budget adjustments supporting the additional \$250,000 expenditure in the Airport Defense Fund.

6. ~~Draft Resolution No. 01-178 – Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington, naming the City's new sports park in honor and memory of Des Moines Master Police Officer Steven J. Underwood.~~

~~MOTION is to approve Draft Resolution No. 01-178.~~

7. Motion is to accept the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to continue the Domestic Violence Advocate Program and to authorize the City Manager or his designate to execute papers to initiate receipt of such grant funds.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman and seconded by Councilmember Towe to approve the consent calendar as read.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler removed consent calendar Item No. 6.

In regard to consent calendar Item No. 1, Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler requested that the September 6, 2001 minutes be changed to reflect Jerry Guite's Normandy Park residency.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution No. 01-178 [Assigned Res. No. 916] – Draft Resolution Naming Des Moines Sports Park in Memory of Fallen Master Police Officer Steven J. Underwood

Upon Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler's request, Park and Recreation Director Thorell explained that the Sports Park would be situated on a fifteen-acre parcel behind the Post Office. Phase 1 would include the construction of two softball fields.

City Manager Olander noted that two soccer fields and an additional softball field would be constructed during Phase II of the project.

Mayor Thomasson read the following language from the proposed resolution:

The City's new sports park, under development in the vicinity of the new Post Office, shall be named and dedicated in honor and memory of Des Moines Master Police Officer Steven J. Underwood. The new sports park shall be known as "Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park."

MOTION was made by Councilmember Wasson, seconded by Councilmember Brazil and passed unanimously to approve Draft Resolution No. 01-178.

AGENDA REVISION

Draft Resolution No. 01-175 - "Saltwater Park" PUD and Preliminary Subdivision - 6 Single Family Lots

Mayor Thomasson announced that the applicant for the Saltwater Park PUD and Preliminary Subdivision had asked that the public hearing be postponed as the consultant for the project could not attend the meeting. He said that the new date for the hearing would be advertised.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Study Session October 4, 2001

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk