

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 28, 2000

At 7:36 p.m., City Attorney McLean announced that Council would remain in Executive Session for approximately another five minutes.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Mayor Thomasson in the Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

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

ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sheckler, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe, and Don Wasson. Absent: Councilmember Terry Brazil (out of town). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Robert Oestreich, 923 South 245th Place

Mr. Oestreich urged Council to assume Highline Water District. He felt that the water district was outmoded and that the community had outgrown their ability to provide services. Mr. Oestreich distributed an article from the May 24, 2000 edition of the Wall Street Journal regarding future water availability in the Puget Sound area. He stated his belief that the City Council would do a better job managing the area's water interests than Highline Water District has done.

Jim Bartlemay, 23510 10th Avenue South

Mr. Bartlemay announced that he was pleased with the Port of Seattle's withdrawal of their 401 certification application with the Department of Ecology. He asked Council to continue efforts to assume Highline Water District. Mr. Bartlemay said the two major issues facing the area were airport expansion and water resource protection. He felt that Highline Water District had not done an adequate job of protecting the area's water resources, as they had remained silent regarding Port of Seattle issues. Mr. Bartlemay felt that further study was required before the effect of city assumption on water rates could be determined.

Phil Emerson, 18403 2nd Avenue South, Burien

Mr. Emerson agreed with the previous speakers' comments. He felt that Highline Water District had outlived its usefulness and that it was a center of controversy. He asked the city to remove a layer of bureaucracy and assume the district.

Stan Scarvie, 204 South 206th

Mr. Scarvie announced that he had attended every Highline Water District meeting from January 18, 2000 to June 7, 2000. He felt that the district was unable to effectively represent its constituents and that they did not practice open government. Mr. Scarvie voiced agreement with the previous speakers' comments and encouraged Council to begin the assumption process of Highline Water District.

Jeanne Moeller, 22211 Cliff Avenue, #204

Ms. Moeller noted that the ACC had won a significant victory with the Port of Seattle's withdrawal of their 401 certification application. She recognized the leadership and efforts of Bob Sheckler and Bob Olander. She encouraged Council to continue to move forward in their fight against airport expansion.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cable Franchise Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Kaplan reported that the committee was in the process of evaluating a draft Request for Proposal and franchise agreement for cable services. The request for proposal would allow Council to determine whether other providers were interested in providing cable services to the residents. Upon questioning, Councilmember Kaplan noted that AT&T hoped to finish laying fiber-optics in the City by the end of the year.

Airport Communities Coalition

Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler announced that the Port of Seattle had withdrawn its application for 401 certification with the Department of Ecology as they were unable to comply with its requirements. He stated his belief that no third runway would be constructed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

State Auditor's Report

City Manager Olander distributed a memo regarding the 1999 State Auditor's Report. He noted that the report found the city to be in good financial condition with sound policies and practices. He said that one minor finding regarding a payroll tracking issue with a federal grant had been identified and corrected.

Councilmember Kaplan acknowledged the efforts of Finance Director McCarty and City Manager Olander to bring the City to its current position.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler noted that the State Auditor's Office had also preformed an audit of the Airport Communities Coalition. Although the exit interview had yet to be conducted, Mayor Pro Tem Sheckler believed that no findings or recommendations had yet been received.

Municipal Court Judge Vacancy

City Manager Olander announced that Municipal Court Judge Albert Raines had accepted a full-time position with the City of Kirkland.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufy.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of September 7 and 14, 2000.
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 # 73186 through #73374 in the total amount of \$373,802.49

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$297,276.33

3. Motion is to approve the amended Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Fire District No. 26 and authorize the City Manager to sign such agreement substantially in the form as attached.
4. Motion is to approve the submitted amendment to the 2000 ACC Interlocal Agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Kaplan, and passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar as read.

NEW BUSINESS

Des Moines Sports Park - Landscape Architectural Services Consultant Contract

Park and Recreation Director Thorell introduced Colie Hough-Beck and Henry Boyar from Hough Beck & Baird Inc. She noted that Council had authorized the Sports Park project in the 2000 Capital Improvement Plan. She stated that two Inter-Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation grants had been received for the Sports Park. Ms. Thorell also said that King County Council had approved the inclusion of Real Estate Excise Tax Number 2 funds for the project in their 2000 budget correction amendment. She noted that Hough Beck & Baird Inc. had been selected from a pool of nine firms and she listed several of their past projects. Park and Recreation Director Thorell anticipated the project going to bid by the first of the year with construction beginning in the spring.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler and seconded by Councilmember Towe to approve the consultant contract for Des Moines Sports Park design, engineering and construction management services with Hough Beck and Baird in the amount of \$79,000, plus a 10% contingency, and further to authorize the City manager to sign said contract, substantially in the form as attached.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE - October 5, 2000 Study Session

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela M. Chaufy, Deputy City Clerk