

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 21, 1996

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag was led by Mayor Thomasson.

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, City Attorney Gary McLean, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, Finance Director Jim Hathaway, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Planning Manager Corbitt Loch and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Sherry Rimpler and Roger Holstrom

City Manager Olander noted that the letters received from Sherry Rimpler and Roger Holstrom had been distributed to Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

George Minnich, 22701 19th Avenue South

Mr. Minnich thanked the City crews for their efficient snow removal efforts. He questioned how a surface water management rate change would affect prepaid accounts.

City Manager Olander stated that the question would be researched.

Wayne Bader, 21938 Marine View Drive South

Mr. Bader addressed Council regarding the Marina. He felt that the Des Moines Marina was a monopoly as there are no other southend moorages available. He stated that private enterprise should run the Marina if Council desires it to be run as a business. Mr. Bader noted that the marina is a major public attraction for the City and requested that the leasehold tax collected be applied entirely to the marina budget.

Sherry Rimpler, 2712 Kent-Des Moines Road

Ms. Rimpler voiced strong opposition to Council revisiting the zoning and maximum number of units for her property. She clarified that her property exits onto Kent-Des Moines Road and that the legal description did not include an easement. She stated that if development restrictions were placed upon the property, traffic from the apartments would be forced to utilize 27th Avenue South. In closing, she reminded Council that only the Comprehensive Plan zoning issue was currently under review.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community/Senior Center Advisory Committee

Councilmember Sheckler noted that the committee had identified six to eight workable sites for a Community/Senior Center facility and discussed various services the center would provide. Community comments would be solicited during the next month.

Redondo Seawall/Boardwalk Meeting

Councilmember Wasson reported that he had attended a meeting concerning the Redondo Seawall/Boardwalk construction project. Completion of the project was scheduled for December 25, 1996.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Snow Storm Follow-up

City Manager Olander thanked staff for their efforts during the recent snow storm. He reported minor damage at the Redondo Seawall as some forms for the cap had been destroyed. The projected completion date for the Seawall remains December 25, 1996.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufy.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of November 7, 1996.
2. Motion is to approve the attached Interlocal Agreement between the City of Des Moines and other ACC members and to authorize the City Manager to sign such agreement substantially in the form as attached.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler, seconded by Councilmember Sherman, and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Ordinance No. 96-224 - 1997 Budget

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

Mayor Thomasson introduced the topic and called for speakers.

SPEAKER

George Minnich, 22701 19th Avenue South

Mr. Minnich encouraged Council to allow enough flexibility in the budget to ensure current levels of service.

Mayor Thomasson called for additional speakers. None responded.

Mayor Thomasson closed the public hearing.

Finance Director Hathaway displayed and reviewed the proposed budgets for the following departments:

Legislative	Administrative Services	Engineering Services
Executive	Financial Services	Public Works City Streets

Legal	Central Services	C.D. - Plan Development
Personnel	Misc. Dues and Services	C.D. - Development Services
Judicial	Record Services	C.D. - Building

During review of the Miscellaneous Dues and Services budget, Council concurred to add Human Services Roundtable membership fees, delete King County Economic Development Council membership fees, and retain the City's membership in the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Councilmember Towe requested a summary list of the major policy issues affecting the budget and identification of the policies' adoption method.

Councilmember Roberts suggested that position salaries also be included in the budget.

Continued Review of Amendments to Comprehensive Plan - Draft Ordinance No. 96-158 Amendment of Comprehensive Plan, Amendment of Comprehensive Plan - Redondo Land Use Map, Amendment of Comprehensive Plan - Property Specific Amendments, Adoption of City Zoning for the Woodmont/Redondo Annexation Area, and Amendment of Comprehensive Plan - Text Amendments.

Community Development Director Kilgore requested Councils' direction concerning the maximum lot coverage issue for the property located at 2712 Kent-Des Moines Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, Councilmembers Towe and Sheckler voices support for 7,200 square feet while Mayor Thomasson, Councilmembers Roberts, Sherman, and Wasson supported 6,400 square feet.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman and seconded by Councilmember Towe to amend draft Ord. No. 96-158, Section 2 by limiting the density of parcel development to three units.

During discussion, Councilmember Towe noted that he had watched the video tape of the previous meeting and was therefore eligible to participate in the discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion failed, 3 - 4, with Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, Councilmembers Roberts, Sheckler, and Wasson opposed.

Council concurred that the multi-family zoned area north of South 279th Street should be changed to Single Family zoning as access to the property is obtained through a Single Family zoned area.

At 9:15 p.m., Mayor Thomasson declared at ten minute break.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Ordinance No. 96-205 [Assigned Ord. No. 1172] Adoption of 1997 Marina Rates

City Manager Olander outlined the background of the proposed ordinance and its relationship to the Facility Master Plan.

Finance Director Hathaway noted that the proposed rate increase would yield an increase of \$.07 per linear foot of boat per month for boats 32 feet and under and \$.15 per linear foot of boat per month for vessels over 32 feet.

City Attorney McLean announced that Councilmember Wasson would abstain from the discussion and vote as he is a marina tenant.

Mayor Thomasson read the title of the draft ordinance.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to suspend City Council Rule No. 26(b) to allow adoption of draft Ordinance No. 96-205. Motion passed, 5 - 1, with Councilmember Towe opposed. Councilmember Wasson abstained from voting.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Sheckler to adopt draft Ordinance No. 96-205.

Councilmember Towe voiced opposition to the rate increase. He felt that the development of a business plan could change the rate increase need.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 5 - 1, with Councilmember Towe opposed. Councilmember Wasson abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Ordinance No. 96-215 [Assigned Ord. No. 1173] Establishing 1997 Surface Water Management Rates

Public Works Director Heydon introduced the subject and displayed a list of surface water management capital improvement projects. He noted that the list would take approximately twenty years to complete. He informed Council that surface water management rates had not been increased since 1994.

Mayor Thomasson read the title of the proposed ordinance.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to suspend Council Rule No. 26(b) to allow adoption of draft Ordinance 96-215 on the first reading. Motion passed, 5 - 2, with Councilmembers Towe and Wasson opposed.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sheckler and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to approve draft Ordinance No. 96-215 setting 1997 Surface Water Management rates.

Councilmember Towe preferred to apply a CPI rate increase to the surface water management fees only.

Councilmember Wasson stated that he was not satisfied that the surface water management rates were based upon the right formula initially. He questioned whether the projects might be done over thirty years rather than twenty.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 5 - 2, with Councilmembers Towe and Wasson opposed.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Special Study Session, December 4, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk