

PRELIMINARY
REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 5, 1996

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

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Bruce Roberts, Bob Sheckler, Dan Sherman and Gary Towe. Absent: Councilmember Don Wasson (out of town). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, Finance Director Jim Hathaway, Police Chief Don Obermiller, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, Public Works Director Tim Heydon and City Clerk Denis Staab.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Towe and passed unanimously, to excuse Councilmember Wasson.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tom Sitterly, 601 South 227th Street

Mr. Sitterly addressed the Council speaking for the Marina Tenants Association. With the use of a view foil he displayed the revenue transfer within the Marina to the park Fund and the General Revenue Fund. He felt this year's increase was a very large jump and requested Council consider using the CPI for any increase instead of the increase proposed in the 1997 budget.

Jerry Brown, 816 South 216th

Ms. Brown expressed concern with the rising need for low cost housing in the community. She encouraged Council to keep this in mind when budgeting for human services. She further requested that Council set aside future funds for a potential joint effort with other south King County cities to share a low income housing program.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Services Committee

Councilmember Towe advised Council that the Committee has met twice to review the draft Human Services Plan. He noted the following:

- Consultant has been asked to better define the demographic data contained within the Plan.
- Various format changes have been suggested to the Consultant

He advised Council that the Committee will bring a final draft to the Council as a whole at the December 12th Council meeting where a focus will be made on priority areas of need. He advised that the Committee has discussed the low income housing issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Sports Park

Mayor Thomasson announced that the Council held a special meeting on December 4th and discussed three proposed Capital Projects; a sports park, the Puget Power Property and the City Service facility expansion.

He announced that Council has decided to place a bond issue to fund a sports park on the May 20, 1997 ballot.

Councilmember Towe noted that the Council had a good discussion on the proposed projects and thanked the City Manager for the issue paper he prepared to help lead Council in the discussion.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Press Release - Sports Park Bond Issue

City Manager Olander informed Council that he has issued a press release regarding the proposed bond issue for a Sports Park. He announced that a community meeting has been scheduled for December 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House. The purpose of the meeting will be to accept community input on the proposed sports park layout and design. He encouraged public participation in this project.

Redondo Seawall/Road Improvements

City Manager Olander advised Council that King County is still negotiating with the Contractor who is still a month behind schedule on the seawall/road improvements in Redondo. He advised that King County has assured him that either time lost will be made up or, the contractor may be removed from the project.

Airport Community Coalition

City Manager Olander announced that there will be an Executive meeting of the ACC on December 18th, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Highline School District Educational Resource Center and all Councilmembers are invited. The purpose of the meeting will be to be briefed on pending litigation against the airport.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by City Clerk Staab.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of November 14 and 21, 1996.
2. Draft Ordinance No. 96-002 **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 1174** - Title: An Ordinance of the City of Des Moines, Washington, relating to City of Des Moines land development permitting processes; adding a new chapter to Title 18 DMMC titled "Land Use Review Procedures"; amending DMMC 14.04.030, DMMC 16.04.020, DMMC 16.04.080, DMMC 16.04.164, DMMC 17.04.030, DMMC 17.12.050, DMMC 17.12.060, DMMC 17.12.090, DMMC 17.12.170, DMMC 17.12.180, DMMC 17.16.050, DMMC 17.16.060, DMMC 17.16.080, DMMC 17.16.090, DMMC 17.16.110, DMMC 17.16.120, DMMC 17.16.130, DMMC 17.16.140, DMMC 17.16.150, DMMC 17.16.170, DMMC 17.16.180, DMMC 17.16.200, DMMC 17.16.230, DMMC 17.16.250, DMMC 17.16.260, DMMC 17.20.020, DMMC 17.28.020, DMMC 17.28.030, DMMC 17.40.010, DMMC 17.40.070, DMMC 17.40.080, DMMC 17.44.030, DMMC 18.08.020, DMMC 18.48.090, DMMC 18.52.030,

DMMC 18.60.040, DMMC 18.60.110, DMMC 18.60.120, DMMC 18.64.050, DMMC 18.64.060, DMMC 18.68.010, DMMC 18.72.060, DMMC 18.76.010, DMMC 18.94.112, DMMC 18.94.113, DMMC 18.94.150, DMMC 18.94.180, DMMC 18.94.220, DMMC 18.94.250, DMMC 18.94.270, DMMC 18.94.290, and DMMC 18.94.300; adding new definitions to chapter 18.04 DMMC; adding new sections to chapter 18.84 DMMC, repealing chapter 4.20 DMMC, DMMC 17.16.160, DMMC 18.60.050, DMMC 18.60.060, DMMC 18.60.070, DMMC 18.60.080, DMMC 18.60.090, and DMMC 18.60.100, and recodifying chapter 2.32 DMMC as a new chapter in Title 18 DMMC.

TWO MOTIONS: First motion is to suspend Council Rule 26(b). Second motion is to approve Draft Ordinance No. 96-002.

3. Motion is to remand the Draft Facility Plan for the Barnes Creek Detention Facility to the Environment Committee for review and recommendations.

4. ~~Motion is to award the bid for the purchase of the Des Moines Police Community Outreach Vehicle to Dodgen Industries, in the amount of \$70,174, including tax and delivery, and authorize the City Manager to sign a purchase order for the vehicle.~~ (ED NOTE: This item was removed at the request of Councilmember Towe and placed as Item Number 1 under Old Business.)

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil, seconded by Mayor Thomasson, to approve the Consent Calendar as read.

Councilmember Towe requested that Item #4 be removed for discussion. Mayor Thomasson place this topic as Item #1 under Old Business.

Councilmember Towe announced that he has viewed the Council tape of the meetings he missed regarding the draft ordinance on regulatory reform. City Attorney McLean acknowledged that Councilmember Towe may cast his vote on this issue.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Award of Bid - Des Moines Police Community Outreach Vehicle

Councilmember Towe advised that he asked for this item to be removed from the Consent Calendar because he feels this is an untested approach for use of these kinds of funds. He noted that this vehicle will be used a lot of the time for regular police operations. He further felt that the \$70,000 could be better spent on more proven methods of combating domestic violence.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, to approve Consent Calendar Item #4 as read by the City Clerk.

City Manager Olander acknowledged that this is a unique use of the grant funds. However, the Department of Justice approved of the concept and it fits in well with the City's community policing program.

Chief of Police Obermiller advised Council that the Federal grant Administrator approved of the City's plan feeling it is a valuable program. He noted that 20 hours a week will be totally devoted to domestic violence programs. He noted that it is a unique and original concept in that

the police are capable of going to the victim to help and provide support. He also advised that the vehicle will be taken to shopping areas, where it may be the only opportunity for domestic violence victims to comfortably and safely receive information and help. He noted that one of the Police Department's main goals is to successfully prosecute offenders, while providing confidence and support to the victim.

Upon questioning from Councilmember Towe, both Chief Obermiller and City Attorney McLean informed Council that domestic violence is on the rise. Chief Obermiller assured Council that he will keep good statistics regarding this use and will keep Council informed.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed 5 to 1 with Councilmember Towe voting NO.

Draft Ordinance No. 96-224 - 1997 City Budget

Finance Director Hathaway reminded Council that the 1997 Preliminary Budget has been provided both in summary and detailed formats. He proceeded to review the departments that had not been previously detailed for Council, with Council's comments as noted.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

City Manager Olander noted the large increase in Other Services and Charges is mainly due to increase costs of the new Kent Jail facility and increase in Valley Com Dispatching charges. He noted that the budget estimates may still be low, will have to be watched closely, and may require a supplemental appropriation in mid-year if costs increase more than expected. He informed Council that he still feels confident that it is less expensive to contract these services due to increasing insurance, medical costs and staff time that would need to be developed if Des Moines had their own jail and dispatching. Both he and Police Chief Obermiller assured Council that they are closely tracking all charges.

RECREATION:

Upon questioning from Council, Park and Recreation Director Thorell advised Council that the after school program is being moved to Woodmont School because it has been demonstrated that they have a high interest in the program and space is no longer available at Des Moines Elementary School.

ENGINEERING - SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

MARINA:

Harbormaster Dusenbury advised Council that the Marina has used Community Development and the Engineering Departments more than normal in the process of completing the Marina Facility Master Plan and he foresees this use continuing in the near future.

City Manager Olander noted that one of Council's goals has been to develop land use plan for the Marina. He noted this will necessitate more use of Community Development's staff.

Councilmember Towe questioned the use of Marina funds for these types of projects and improvements.

Mayor Thomasson commented that if the new plan creates Marina business then the Marina should pay for it, but not general comprehensive land use planning.

After further discussion, City Manager Olander suggested, and Council concurred, to leave this in the Marina budget for now until a work plan is developed. Then it will come back to Council in March of 1997 for review and determination of whether these charges are appropriate.

Both City Manager Olander and Finance Director Hathaway complimented Harbormaster Dusenbury for his efficiency and innovations in increasing the Marina revenues. In conclusion, Finance Director Hathaway noted the Budget will be on the December 12th Agenda for final adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Ordinance No. 96-227 [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 1175] - 1997 Property Taxes

Finance Director Hathaway noted that the draft ordinance establishes the amount of taxes to be raised for the City of Des Moines in 1997. These taxes include both voter approved taxes and those raised by the general property levy. He noted that the increase is an average of 1.85%.

Mayor Thomasson read the ordinance by title into the record.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Towe and passed unanimously, to suspend Council Rule 26(b).

MOTION was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Towe and passed unanimously, to approve Draft Ordinance No. 96-227.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting December 12, 1996

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Staab
City Clerk