

REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 9, 2004

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson in the City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Pro Tem Scott Thomasson, Councilmembers Richard Benjamin (arrived at 8:50 p.m.), Gary Petersen, Dan Sherman, Maggie Steenrod, and Susan White. Absent: Mayor Bob Sheckler. Also present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Linda Marousek, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Court Services Manager Jennefer Henson, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Petersen, and passed unanimously to excuse Mayor Sheckler.

Editor's Note: At 8:44 p.m., motion was passed to excuse Councilmember Benjamin from the meeting. At 8:50 p.m., Councilmember Benjamin arrived at the meeting.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SR-509 Executive Meeting

Councilmember Sherman reported that the SR-509 Executive Meeting had been cancelled.

Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember Sherman announced that Councilmember White had been elected to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors for Suburban Cities Association.

Washington Trust for Historical Preservation

Councilmember Sherman reported that Councilmember White had been elected to the Washington Trust for Historical Preservation Board.

Governor's Conference on Economic Development

Councilmember White announced that she had attended the Governor's Conference on Economic Development. Materials from the conference would be distributed to Council.

Senior Services Committee

Councilmember White announced that the Senior Services Committee had conducted their last meeting for the year. She thanked John Carroll for his service and noted that he would be missed.

Public Safety and Transportation Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson noted that the committee had met to review the proposed false alarm ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Council Meeting Audio Recording

Councilmember Steenrod said that she looked forward to the improvement of the Council meeting audio recordings.

Local Businesses

Councilmember Steenrod encouraged the public to support local businesses during the holiday season.

Year 2005

Councilmember Sherman said that the city's participation in regional bodies and the possibility of a passenger ferry were positive steps for the City. He noted that the Economic Development Study and Land Use and Zoning Updates would be presented to Council in 2005.

Budget Process

Councilmember White asked Council to consider adopting a two year budget in the future in order to allow Council time to focus on other important issues. She encouraged the public to participate through providing input and volunteering.

Cat License Renewals

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson noted that the cat license renewal notice did not explain that the renewal schedule was being revised.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Council Meeting Schedule

City Manager Piasecki informed Council that it might be necessary to conduct one more Council meeting before the end of the year in order to pass a budget amendment.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufty.

1. Motion is to approve the special and regular minutes of November 4, the regular minutes of November 11, 2004.
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 42.24.090, 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 checks #96733 through #97108 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of \$1,827,813.05

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$790,475.65

~~3. Motion is to award the contract for the construction of the upgrades to the electrical distribution system at the Des Moines Marina to Elcon Corporation in the amount of \$657,500, plus a 10% contingency and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract substantially in the form as submitted.~~ [Item removed by Councilmember Sherman]

4. Motion is to approve the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Mt. Rainier Pool for years 2004 through 2006 by Mount Rainier Pool Contributors (MRPC) and Mount Rainier Pool Owners (Pool Owners) and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

5. Motion is to authorize the City Manager to sign the continued enrollment authorization to continue participation in the Association of Washington Cities Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Petersen and seconded by Councilmember Steenrod to approve the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Sherman removed Item No. 3.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

REMOVED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

Electrical Systems Upgrades Project in the Marina

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson's questioning, Harbormaster Dusenbury explained that the bond money for the dry stack project was undesignated at this time. Other projects that could potentially generate income would be presented to Council early next year.

City Manager Piasecki confirmed that the Finance Director was monitoring the bonds to avoid any potential arbitrage issues.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember White, and passed unanimously to approve the contract for the construction of the upgrades to the electrical distribution system at the Des Moines Marina to Elcon Corporation in the amount of \$657,500, plus a 10% contingency and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract substantially in the form as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Resolution No. 04-254 [Assigned Res. No. 986] Setting Marina Moorage Rates for 2005

Harbormaster Dusenbury displayed a chart of the 2000 – 2004 Marina rate increases. He explained that the 2005 budget summary assumed a 4% rate increase.

City Manager Piasecki noted the following corrections to Draft Resolution No. 04-254:

1. Section 2 – Set effective date as 2/1/05.
2. Appendix A – Corrected "Ordinance" reference to "Resolution".
3. Appendix A – Removed items B and D as they are already listed in the DMMC.

Councilmember Petersen abstained from participation as he has a boat in the Marina.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to approve Draft Resolution No. 04-254 that would increase moorage rates at the Des Moines Marina by 4% for the year 2005.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson read the title into the record.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 3 – 1, with Councilmember Steenrod voting "NO" and Councilmember Petersen abstaining.

Construction of a Long-Term Storage Lot in the Marina

Harbormaster Dusenbury displayed a map of the site and detailed the landscape requirements of the project. Until the final use for the site was identified, he proposed that it be used as a long-term storage lot. The lot would be cleaned up and it would provide revenue for the marina.

Councilmember White voiced support for an interim use that would provide revenue.

Harbormaster Dusenbury said that the final use for the site would be revisited through the master plan process. He explained that the fence setback on the east side of the lot would be ten feet from the right-of-way.

City Manager Piasecki confirmed that the proposed motion provided him with the authority to sign the contract.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Steenrod and seconded by Councilmember White to approve the Quartermaster site for a long-term boat storage yard and direct the City Manager to proceed with the project. **VOTE ON MOTION:** Motion passed, 4 – 1, with Councilmember Sherman opposed.

Amended Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for Jail Services

Court Services Manager Henson introduced the subject. She noted that, in 2002, Des Moines and 34 other cities entered into an interlocal agreement with Yakima County to house prisoners in the Yakima jail facility. Under the agreement, the cities were required to pay for 440 beds regardless of whether they were occupied or not. A second agreement has been negotiated which allows the cities to receive some financial relief for unused beds. The proposed agreement commits Des Moines to 13.1 beds at the full price of \$61.74 and 3.9 beds at the reduced rate of \$27.75.

City Manager Piasecki informed Council that King County has informed the cities that they will not be able to use King County jail facilities by 2012.

In response to Councilmember Sherman's questioning, Court Services Manager Henson said that the City of Des Moines had maintained an average of eight beds in Yakima in 2004.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod, and passed unanimously to approve the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County and the City of Des Moines for jail services and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

Motion to Excuse Councilmember Benjamin from Attendance

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod, and passed unanimously to excuse Councilmember Benjamin from attendance.

Editor's Note: Councilmember Benjamin arrived later in the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson announced that Council would hold an Executive Session for the purpose of planning or adopting strategies or positions as part of an ongoing collective bargaining process as provided in RCW 42.30.140(4)(b).

City Attorney Marousek read RCW 42.30.140(4) into the record.

At 8:50 p.m., Councilmember Benjamin joined the meeting.

No formal action was taken.

At 10:18 p.m., Council reconvened in open session.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Study Session January 6, 2005

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 p.m., **motion** was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Steenrod, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufy
Deputy City Clerk

ACTION ITEMS FROM 12/9/04 MEETING – None.