REGULAR MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES December 22, 2005

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Sheckler in the City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Thomasson, Councilmembers Dan Sherman, and Susan White. Absent: Councilmembers Richard Benjamin, Gary Petersen, and Maggie Steenrod. Also in attendance were City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Linda Marousek, Finance Director Paula Henderson, Assistant City Engineer Loren Reinhold, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Planning, Building, and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufty.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2004 Financial Audit

Councilmember Sherman reported that he had attended the State Auditors' exit interview on December 9, 2005. No findings were identified.

Suburban Cities Association

Councilmember White announced that she had attended the Suburban Cities Association Board meeting and the Governor's Dinner last week. She noted that the Suburban Cities Association was seeking councilmembers to attend the public issues committee meetings.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

2004 Financial Audit

City Manager Piasecki reiterated that the City had received no findings in the 2004 financial audit.

Mount Rainier Swimming Pool

City Manager Piasecki informed Council that the swimming pool's temperature controls had broken. As a result, energy costs for the facility had increased. The following options to resolve the situation were currently being studied:

- Purchase of a swimming pool cover.
- Purchase of a new temperature control computer system.
- Replacement of the sand filters.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufty.

1. 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 #102107 through #102321 & electronic fund transfers in the total amount of $1,658,448.26
Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of $345,815.31

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, and passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Resolution No. 05-240 ***[Assigned Res. No.1004]*** – Years 2006 – 2011 Draft Capital Improvement Plan

Assistant City Engineer Reinhold briefly reviewed the following proposed projects:

- Woodmont Culvert
- Barnes Creek Detention Facility/Culvert
- Barnes Creek/Kent-Des Moines Road Culvert Replacement
- Lower Massey Creek Channel
- McSorley Creek Basin Plan
- Normandy Creek Basin Improvements
- North Hill NE Trunk Line Project
- 199th North Hill Trunk Line
- Decant Station

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson suggested that staff contact Normandy Park regarding the lack of maintenance in the Normandy Creek Basin area.

As the Marina Master Plan was in the process of being updated and the rate study results were not yet finalized, City Manager Piasecki noted that the 2006 and 2007 Marina Depreciation and Improvement Fund figures were placeholders only.

Harbormaster Dusenbury displayed a drawing of the existing Redondo boat ramp and identified the proposed relocation of the floating breakwater. He briefly highlighted the following proposed projects:

- Redondo Improvements
- Marina Master Plan Update
- Commercial Building – West Marine
- Boat Yard Building and Expanded Work Yard
- New Decking for N & M Docks
- M Dock Electrical Upgrades
- Piling Replacement
- Fire Suppression System Stand Pipes on K & L Docks
- Security Camera System
- Marina Office Remodel
- Expanded Guest Moorage – Phase 1
- South Marina Restroom Replacement
- Commercial Building – Marina Office Complex
- North Seawall and Sidewalk

- Seawall Replacement Project N to I Docks
- Seawall Replacement Project A to H Docks

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson recommended that the "Commercial Building, West Marine" project be renamed "Commercial Building, Marine Hardware Store" as it was not yet knows whether West Marine would be the commercial store at that location.

Upon questioning from Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, Harbormaster Dusenbury confirmed that operating and replacements costs for the security camera system had been budgeted.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson voiced his preference for rebuilding the restrooms and laundromat rather than remodeling the marina office.

Harbormaster Dusenbury said that the marina office remodel project could be discussed in detail when the Master Plan was presented to Council for review and adoption. He explained that the City hoped to use revenue generating improvements to fund non-revenue generating improvements.

Councilmember Sherman requested that the Des Moines Memorial Drive Project be included in the 2007 Arterial Streets CIP. He asked that the City Manager's monthly report address whether funding for the Des Moines Creek Trail could be moved up.

Planning, Building, and Public Works Director Fredricks said that staff was working with the City of SeaTac to secure grant funds for the Des Moines Creek Trail project.

Councilmember Sherman said that the pedestrian connection of the trail to the downtown area should be done after the trail improvements were complete.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White and seconded by Mayor Sheckler to adopt Draft Res. No. 05-240 approving the City of Des Moines 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Plan.

Finance Director Henderson reviewed the revisions to the Municipal Capital Improvement Plan resulting from Council's prior direction. She also noted that $100,000 had been added to the Arterial Streets maintenance program for 2006.

Councilmember White asked that the Activity Center Expansion Study be moved to 2007.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson noted that the identified allocation of traffic impact fees did not comply with Section 6 of the proposed resolution.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson to amend the Traffic Impact fees so that they were allocated based upon the policies identified and that other fund balances be moved as a result of the policies. The maker and seconder of the original motion **accepted this motion as a friendly amendment**.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he was not in favor of using debt service to fund the Des Moines Beach Park improvements. He would not support the proposed resolution due to the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund.

Councilmember Sherman concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson's comments regarding the use of debt service to fund Des Moines Beach Park improvements. As the proposed projects would not occur without further Council discussion however, he would support the resolution. Councilmember Sherman questioned why the City should spend $1.8 million to purchase Zenith Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he was interested in the City maintaining a playfield at Zenith Park. He suggested that the City see if seven or eight acres could be purchased rather than twelve acres.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 3 – 1, with Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson opposed.

At 9:01 p.m., Mayor Sheckler declared a break.

Draft Ordinance No. 05-226 Adoption of Year 2006 Budget

Planning, Building and Public Works Director Fredricks reviewed the proposed duties of the CIP Coordinator position. He showed a chart illustrating conceptually the project funding breakdown for the proposed position. He stated his intention to establish a billable rate to charge against each projects so that no project subsidized another project.

Councilmember White voiced support for the position.

Finance Director Henderson confirmed that the proposed position was included in the presented budget. She provided a recap of the proposed 2006 budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson noted that the proposed 2006 deficit was greater than the previous year's deficit. He said that he was not comfortable with the proposed budget as the underlining problem was being ignored.

Councilmember Sherman concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson's comments. He recommended that staff cut the proposed budget so that the deficit did not exceed the 2005 deficit. He said that the proposed budget was balanced but not sustainable. Councilmember Sherman voiced his preference for leaving money in the Airport Defense Fund rather than transferring it to the general fund. He wished to approve the request from RCAA for $20,000 and fund it out of the Airport Defense Fund.

Mayor Sheckler voiced agreement with Councilmember Sherman's comments regarding the RCAA.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he would support some level of support for services.

City Manager Piasecki said that he and the department directors would review the revenue projections and discuss possible cuts.

At 9:56 p.m., Mayor Sheckler declared a five-minute break.

Regarding the CIP, Councilmember Sherman said that the project description sheets needed to be updated.

MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilmember Sherman, and passed unanimously to pass Draft Ordinance No. 05-226 to a second reading on December 29, 2005.

City Manager Piasecki read the title of the proposed ordinance into the record.

Draft Ordinance No. 05-217 (A&B) Mitchell/Chamlian Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone

Consultant Judith Kilgore reviewed the changes to the proposed ordinance per Council's direction.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Mayor Sheckler, and passed unanimously to suspend Rule 26b to adopt Draft Ordinance No. 05-217B on the first reading.

MOTION was made by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to adopt Draft Ordinance No. 05-217B relating to the Mitchell/Chamlian Comprehensive Plan amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he would not support the motion as he felt that it was contrary to the long range interest of the City to change the zoning of the property from commercial to residential.

VOTE ON MOTION: 3 – Yes; 1 – No, with Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson opposed. Motion failed as four affirmative votes are required for the passage of an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation of 160 feet of Waterfront Property in Redondo

Planning, Building, and Public Works Director Fredricks introduced the subject. He noted that the State's Department of Natural Resources was also interested in the property. Mr. Fredricks said that there was a general public benefit for public versus privately owned tidelands.

Councilmember White noted that access to the area was a problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson said that he favored public ownership of the property as the stream might be better controlled.

Upon questioning, City Attorney Marousek confirmed that the property would require a short plat.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson to direct staff to prepare a resolution and appropriate deed accepting the gift of 160 feet of waterfront tidelands from Dr. and Mrs. Hong. **VOTE ON MOTION**: Motion passed, 3 – 1, with Councilmember White opposed.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, December 29, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Absence – Councilmember Benjamin

Mayor Sheckler announced that Councilmember Benjamin had left a message regarding his inability to attend the meeting on the City Manager's voice mail.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson to excuse Councilmember Benjamin from attendance. **VOTE ON MOTION**: Motion failed, 2 – 2, with Mayor Sheckler and Councilmember White opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 p.m., **MOTION** was made by Councilmember White, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk

ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING OF 12/22/05

- Confirm proposed budget revenue projections.
- Review the proposed budget for potential cuts.