

SPECIAL MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 28, 2002

The special meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Wasson at 9:00 a.m. at Port Ludlow Conference Center, 200 Olympic Place, Port Ludlow, Washington.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Don Wasson, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Benjamin, Councilmembers Gary Petersen, Bob Sheckler, Maggie Steenrod, Scott Thomasson and Susan White. Also present were Acting City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Attorney Linda Marousek, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Finance Director Scott McCarty, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, Commander Kevin Tucker, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy. Facilitator: Mike Ragsdale.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Setting of Agenda

Facilitator Ragsdale set the following agenda for the meeting:

- Third Runway
- Strategic Objectives, Continued Discussion
- Rules and Procedures
- Adjournment

Third Runway

Councilmember Sheckler briefed Council on the status of the 401 Certification and the ACC appeal. He suggested that Council wait until the Pollution Hearing Control Board issued a decision before making any decisions regarding the status of the ACC.

At 9:54 a.m., Council convened in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the City, litigation or potential litigation to which the City is, or is likely to become, a party and about which public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the City.

At 10:35 a.m., Council reconvened in open session.

No action was taken.

Strategic Objectives Review

Using the Strategic Objectives 2001 and 2002 as a basis for discussion, the City Council accepted and/or modified the strategic objectives for 2002 and 2003 as follows:

1. Continue the legal and political efforts to keep the third runway from being built, support ACC efforts to advance a second regional airport, and minimize adverse airport impacts on Des Moines such as ongoing operations, expansion, support facilities development, environmental impacts and truck and passenger car traffic.
2. Redevelop the Pacific Ridge community utilizing comprehensive planning, zoning, crime prevention initiatives, improved transportation and economic development.

3. Provide and maintain an effective local and regional transportation infrastructure.
 - Establish preferred RTA route through Des Moines
 - Review and update the Transportation Comprehensive Plan including regional integration.
 - Build Highway 99 infrastructure.
 - Define a preferred plan for SR 509 including 16th Ave. South arterial.
4. Maintain long range fiscal and economic planning.
 - Develop a five-year financial plan
5. Expand citizen participation in city government. Promote:
 - Participation of diverse population and opinions.
 - A sense of cohesive community identity and responsibilities, while fostering the character of individual neighborhoods.
 - Positive opportunities for citizen participation in decision-making.
6. Increase and develop facilities for active recreation.
 - Update the Park and Recreation Master Plan
 - Continue to develop city-school joint use and field improvements including Community College linkages.
 - Continue property acquisition and long-range development for sports fields.
 - Connect recreation facilities (trails).
 - Provide bike and walking routes.
 - Explore and develop marine recreational opportunities.
7. Improve community facilities
 - Continue Adopt and implementing Marina Master Plan
 - Build new Community Center
 - Approve a strategy to develop a new Community Center
 - Update and improve north wing of City Hall
8. ~~Maintain the peace and security of the community by aggressively deterring criminal activity through community based policing, urban design, coordinated services to support children, and effective prosecution and court systems.~~ Improve the peace and security of the community by taking aggressive action to eliminate criminal activity and the environment that allows the criminal element to exist undeterred.
 - Develop a multi-dimensional, proactive approach to fighting crime and fostering safe neighborhoods.
 - Create a new standing City Council committee on Public Safety charged with development, over-sight, and continuous enhancement of this strategy.
9. Preserve and enhance habitat and passive recreation venues, e.g. greenbelts, stream corridors, viewpoints and open spaces.
10. Establish logical boundaries with adjoining cities.
11. Take steps to improve the appearance and pride of the community
 - Creative ways to encourage pride and positive appearance
 - Using volunteers to improve appearance in local neighborhoods

- Adopt a Street program
- Citizens Organized for Recreation & Parks Stewardship (CORPS)
- Code enforcement by encouraging/training broader staff to assist
- Identify gateways to the City
- Develop an anti-graffiti program

12. Address the listing of salmon as an endangered species.

- Review all areas of impact on City facilities and operations and develop plans to mitigate impact.

13. Prevent and eliminate unsafe and unhealthy living conditions in the city.

14. Pursue opportunities to improve education in Des Moines.

In regard to Objective No. 4, Mayor Wasson suggested that the item be marked with an asterisk that notes that this issue is a permanent Strategic Objective.

In regard to Objective No. 5, Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin invited other Councilmembers to join him during his monthly public meetings.

Park and Recreation Director Thorell noted that some communities create a standing or ad hoc citizen cultural advisory committee.

In regard to Objective No. 7, Mayor Wasson asked that Council establish a policy that identified whose interests were served by the Marina.

Councilmember Petersen said that he did not like the rate differential for Marina tenants.

Acting City Manager Piasecki said that he would develop language stating that the Marina existed for the benefit of the citizens and the city. Council would then be given opportunity to review and approve the language. The policy statement would be put in the Marina Master Plan. The rate issue would be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Rules and Procedures

Facilitator Ragsdale recommended that Councilmember Thomasson assist the new Councilmembers gain understanding and comfort with the Council rules and procedures. If Councilmembers were still not comfortable with the procedures after a few months, he said that a professional trainer could provide assistance at that time.

Council concurred with this recommendation and Councilmember Thomasson agreed to provide assistance.

Communications

In regard to communication, Facilitator Ragsdale encouraged Council to be responsible and conduct their processes in public as much as possible. He also cautioned Council to identify to the media their personal opinions versus the opinion of Council.

Councilmember Thomasson noted that the City Manager's job description included the duty of representing Council's direction.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Study Session, May 2, 2002

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk