

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 1, 2001

The special meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 7:05 p.m. at Port Ludlow Conference Center, 200 Olympic Place, Port Ludlow, Washington.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sheckler, Councilmembers Terry Brazil, Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe, and Don Wasson. Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager Tony Piasecki, City Attorney Gary McLean, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Finance Director Scott McCarty, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Chief of Police Don Obermiller, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy. Facilitator: Mike Ragsdale.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Introduction

City Manager Olander introduced Facilitator Mike Ragsdale.

Mr. Ragsdale listed his credentials as a former elected official, a realtor, and a consultant. He set the following agenda for the meeting:

- Listing of Accomplishments
- Identification of Council's Primary Goals
- Identification of Retreat's Desired Outcome

Council and staff introduced themselves to Mr. Ragsdale.

Listing of Accomplishments

Through discussion, Council and staff identified the following accomplishments realized since their last retreat:

- Continued Third Runway fight;
- Completed Pacific Ridge pre-development work;
- Overcame financial hurdles;
- Recognized Council and staff cooperation;
- Secured funding for Pacific Highway South project;
- Began Des Moines Creek Project;
- Provided additional sport facilities through partnerships between the City and Highline School District;
- Increased recreational facilities and opportunities;
- Completed City Hall remodel;
- Established and enacted Community Policing practices;
- Identified significant decrease in Pacific Ridge area crime statistics;
- Controlled rising court and jail costs;
- Improved court system;
- Proved competency of staff during recent crisis situations;
- Established proactive planning procedures;

- Improved efficiency of development process;
- Established joint Community Development and Police efforts during development process;
- Proved willingness to change and adapt to circumstances;
- Maintained a strong Marina;
- Studied and developed a Marina Master Plan;
- Established a Police Traffic Unit;
- Continued to listen and respond to concerns of the public; and
- Survived Initiative 695 cutbacks.

Identification of Council's Primary Goals

Council briefly reviewed why they had pursued public office and identified their primary goals and civic concerns.

Identification of Retreat's Desired Outcome

Through discussion, Council and staff identified the following topics as potential discussion items for the retreat:

- Pacific Ridge – Next steps;
- Community/Senior Center timeline;
- Future revenue sources;
- Fiscal sustainability
Revenues/Expenditures,
Transportation Impact Fees,
ACC Funding;
- Strategic objectives update;
- Public image of Des Moines
School support,
Promotion of safe and healthy community;
- Utility Districts;
- Transportation planning;
- Building and facility improvements;
- Differential marina rates;
- Peace and security.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk