

SPECIAL MEETING DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 3, 2001

The special meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 9:15 a.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, Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Finance Director Scott McCarty, Chief of Police Don Obermiller, City Attorney Gary McLean, and Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell. Facilitator: Mike Ragsdale.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Continuation of Discussion Topics

Mr. Ragsdale noted that at the previous session, Councilman Wasson had suggested discussing whether or not the City should participate with the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce in the Economic Development Council (EDC). Councilman Wasson stated that the Chamber had indicated that it wanted to participate in the EDC but felt it should invite the City to participate in order not to offend the City. Councilman Brazil noted that the City dropped out of the EDC because of its support of the third runway.

After further discussion, the consensus of Council was that the City would not participate in joining the EDC with the Chamber but that the Chamber was free to pursue membership on its own.

Discussion and Review of Strategic Objectives 2001 and 2002

Using the Strategic Objectives 2000 and 2001 as a basis for discussion, the City Council modified and added to the strategic objectives for 2001 and 2002 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. ~~Continue fiscal strength by initiating~~ Maintain long range fiscal and economic planning.
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.
- 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
- ~~Evaluate and finalize~~ Adopt and implement Marina Business Plan
 - ~~Field house improvements~~
 - Build new Community Center
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.
9. Preserve and enhance habitat and passive recreation venues, e.g. greenbelts, stream corridors, viewpoints and open spaces.
10. ~~Expand to the full extent the potential annexation area and~~ 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
 - CORPS
 - Code enforcement by encouraging/training broader staff to assist
12. ~~Evaluate~~ 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.

Mr. Ragsdale noted that this concluded discussion of the strategic objectives. He asked if anyone had any other topic they wanted to bring up. City Manager Olander stated that he wanted the City Council to be aware that the labor market was still very tight in the Puget Sound area. He added that he and staff are working very hard to recruit and retain employees.

Councilman Wasson stated that this retreat was the best that he had ever been to and that he hoped that the Council and staff could have more frequent meetings to discuss issues in this manner. He suggested every six months and added that he preferred not to travel out-of-town to hold such meetings.

City Manager Olander responded that discussion such as these could be held in one or half day sessions. Councilman Kaplan added that they could also be held during City Council study sessions.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that additional meetings or items on Council meeting agendas would be scheduled in the future for discussing strategic issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Piasecki
Assistant City Manager