

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 14, 1998

The special meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomasson at 9:00 a.m. at Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, 3073 Bucklin Hill Road, Silverdale, Washington.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Bob Sheckler, 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, Community Development Director Judith Kilgore, Chief of Police Don Obermiller, Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy. Facilitator: Nancy Truitt Pierce.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of Strategic Objectives

Council accepted the strategic objectives as presented in the June 13, 1998 minutes.

Local Option Gas Tax

Councilmember Sherman questioned whether Council supported placing a local option gas tax on the ballot. He noted that King County was currently discussing two methods for distributing the funds collected from a gas tax. The first distribution option was based upon population in which funding would be distributed on a 1.5 to 1 ratio for people residing in unincorporated King County versus those residing within a city. The approximate distribution to Des Moines, based upon this method, would be \$200,000 per year. The second method called for the formation of a committee to allocate money for regional projects.

Council concurred that the local option gas tax should not be supported.

Single Family Density

City Manager questioned the level that staff should mitigate with a developer for on-site improvements.

Through discussion, staff was directed to maintain their current level of mitigation.

Council Productivity

Councilmember Wasson questioned whether Council should refrain from taking a break at council meetings so as to increase council productivity.

Council concurred to continue taking a break during council meetings.

Councilmember Towe and Mayor Pro Tem Brazil suggested that discussions be abbreviated so as to allow coverage of more topics.

Notes of Appreciation

Council and staff shared comments of appreciation.

Positive Attributes of Des Moines

Council and staff identified the following items that make Des Moines a great community:

- Caring community;
- Strong sense of community and a commitment to maintain that characteristic;
- Commitment to maintaining a positive reputation for the City of Des Moines;
- Interests and programs serve a diverse population;
- Quality people working on behalf of the City; and
- Charm of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufty
Deputy City Clerk