

MINUTES

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION 21630 11th Avenue South, City Council Chambers

October 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The flag salute was led by Councilmember Scott.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; Councilmembers Dan Caldwell, Melissa Musser, Jeanette Burrage, Bob Sheckler and Carmen Scott.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Police Chief George Delgado; Assistant Director of Transportation and Engineering Dan Brewer; Planning Manager Denise Lathrop; Commander Barry Sellers; City Clerk Sandy Paul

1. Sound Transit Planning Update

Cathal Ridge, Sound Transit Corridor/Project Manager, accompanied by Mark Sorenson, contract engineer for Sound Transit, provided an update on the Sound Transit Project Area and explained the direction of the next phases of the Sound Transit planning project through 2023, as it relates to Des Moines. The Alternative Analysis Process takes place during the early scoping stage. Reasonable alternatives are evaluated in detail and results are reviewed with the public. The last step is to advance the most feasible and cost effective alternatives. There are four ways to comment: in person; at a public hearing; by email; by postal mail.

Councilmember Sheckler left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

2. Link Light Rail Policy Discussion

Council discussion followed; questions were asked. Suggestions were made and discussed including possible alignments along I-5, Pacific Highway South and SR 509. Potential stations were suggested and discussed. Councilmembers asked that Sound Transit provide a visual map of a possible alignment along SR 509. Each idea would be analyzed and added to a list of alternatives. Councilmembers pointed out that they did not want Des Moines dismembered by shortsightedness.

The next steps will include Sound Transit meetings with the Councils of the Cities of Kent, SeaTac, and Federal Way.

NEXT MEETING DATE – October 25, 2012, City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Motion Councilmember Caldwell moved to adjourn; Councilmember Musser, second. The motion passed, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Paul CMC
City Clerk