

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 22, 1998

The regular meeting of the Des Moines City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Thomasson in the City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Kaplan.

ROLL CALL - Present: Mayor Scott Thomasson, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Brazil, Councilmembers Dave Kaplan, Bob Sheckler, and Dan Sherman. Absent: Councilmembers Don Wasson (illness) and Gary Towe (family illness). Also present were City Manager Bob Olander, City Attorney Gary McLean, Public Works Director Tim Heydon, Acting Finance Director Mike Bailey, Commander Kevin Tucker, Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Chaufy.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Sherman, seconded by Councilmember Sheckler, and passed unanimously to excuse Councilmembers Wasson and Towe.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Walter West, 19715 10th Avenue South

If Council elected to adopt licensing requirements for cats, Mr. Wise urged Council to charge a nominal fee as many cats were kept for pest control purposes.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Association of Washington Cities

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil noted that he had attended the Association of Washington Cities regional meeting. During the meeting, Councilmember Sheckler was recognized for his completion of the Certified Municipal Leaders Program.

South County Area Transportation Board

Councilmember Sherman announced that the federal government had approved T-21 transportation funds for the next six years. He noted that the state was currently in the process of determining how to divide the funds. The South County Area Transportation Board, Association of Washington Cities, and King County were currently recommending that the funds be divided equally amongst Washington State Department of Transportation, the Statewide Competitive Program, and the Puget Sound Regional Council for regional distribution. The Board also continued assessment of the area's transportation needs.

SR509

Councilmember Sherman noted that the SR509 Executive meeting had focused on the staging of the SR509 project. He stated that the county was supporting the completion of the project so as to allow better movement of freight. He also announced that the committee had discussed possible methods of connection between Interstate 5 and SR509.

City of SeaTac Infrastructure Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Brazil announced that SeaTac would be conducting an infrastructure meeting on October 29, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. at Chinook Middle School. Topics will include SR509, South Airport Link Road and 28th Avenue South/24th Avenue South Local Improvement Districts.

CONSENT CALENDAR was read by Deputy City Clerk Chaufy.

1. Motion is to approve the minutes of October 1 and 8, 1998.
2. Findings: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.080, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the City Council.

Motion: As of this date the Des Moines City Council, by unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and payroll transfers included in the above list and further described as follows:

Claim check #64087 through #64289 in the total amount of \$621,210.74

Payroll fund transfers in the total amount of \$202,374.68

3. Motion is to recognize the week of October 18-24, 1998 as "*YWCA Week Without Violence*" in the City of Des Moines.
4. Motion is that a public hearing be scheduled for December 10, 1998 regarding 1998 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
5. Motion is to award the construction contract for the 20th Avenue South Traffic Calming Project to MER-CON Inc., in the amount of \$45,576.00 plus a 10% contingency and further to authorize the City Manager to sign said contract in a form as approved by the City Attorney.
6. Motion is to approve the contract in the form of an interlocal agreement between the City of Des Moines and the City of Kent for jail services and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as attached.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan and seconded by Councilmember Sheckler to approve the consent calendar as read.

Upon questioning from Councilmember Kaplan, Public Works Director Heydon explained that only one bid had been received for the 20th Avenue South Traffic Calming Project despite notification to all companies on the bid roster. Due to the considerable amount of community interest however, Public Works Director Heydon recommended award of the bid.

In regard to Item No. 6, Mayor Pro Tem Brazil confirmed that the typographical error on page 3 would be corrected.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1999 Preliminary Budget – Department Reviews

City Manager Olander reviewed the proposed 1999 budgets for the following departments:

- Legislative
- Executive
- Records Services
- Judicial – Proposed addition of 1 FTE
- Financial Services
- Administration Services

- Legal
- Parks/All City Buildings
- Central Services – Communication
- Police – Proposed increase due to dispatch costs, jail service, and federally funded domestic violence grant. Proposed decrease of 1.5 FTE.
- Community Development – Proposed reduction of 1 FTE.
- Engineering Services
- Public Works/City Streets – Proposed reduction of equipment purchases.
- SWM Maintenance – Proposed reduction of contracted drainage repair.
- Recreation Programs – Increase due to growth of self-supporting fee based programs.
- Marina Administration – Proposed increase due to transfer to the Depreciation and Improvement Fund.
- Marina Repair & Replacement Fund
- Reserve Funds
- Computer
- Facility Repair & Replacement
- Personnel Services
- Printing/Duplication
- All City Buildings
- Miscellaneous Dues & Services
 - Fire Control
 - Human Services
 - Miscellaneous Dues & Pollution Control
- Ending Fund Balance – Proposed reallocation of funds so that all accounts remain positive.
- Arterial Streets
- SWM Engineering – Proposed reduction of professional services.
- Park & Recreation – Proposed reduction of F/T Administrative Assistant position to one half time.
- Parks Operation Services – Proposed reduction in capital outlays and part-time employee hours.
- Senior Services
- Senior Programs
- Marina Services
- Marina Maintenance
- Marina Bond and Interest
- Marina Depreciation & Improvements
- Airport Defense – Reduction due to transfer of Executive Director's salary to the ACC.
- Debt Service
- Municipal Capital Improvements

Upon questioning, City Manager Olander informed Council that the Y2K projects were listed under the Capital Improvement Projects section.

Councilmember Sheckler recommended that staff research the Y2K compliance status of the utilities providing service to Des Moines.

In regard to after-hour animal control issues, Commander Tucker explained that the patrol officers currently handle the calls on a priority basis. He stated that staff could look at modifying the current hours of the Animal Control Officer to better meet the needs of the community.

Mayor Thomasson suggested that staff research securing a limited contract with King County to provide weekend animal control services.

City Manager Olander explained that he had proposed a cut to the human services budget rather than the elimination of an existing staff position. He noted that Council's direction was needed on several budget policy issues.

At 8:52 p.m., Mayor Thomasson declared a ten minute break.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Regulations - Licensing of Cats

Commander Tucker introduced the subject. He noted that approximately 50% of all animal control calls involved cats. Since the cats currently are not licensed, they often end up at the animal shelter and are eventually euthanized. Commander Tucker listed the following benefits associated with the licensing of cats:

- Return of more cats to their owners
- Verification of rabies vaccination
- Revenue savings realized due to reduction in animal euthanization fees
- Reduction of animal stress due to being placed at the animal shelter.

Commander Tucker also recognized that the licensing of cats would increase the workload of the Administration, Finance, and Legal departments. If adopted, he proposed that the cat licensing program begin in June so as to allow for a public education period and to better distribute the workload of staff. He also questioned whether Council wanted to increase the licensing fees for unaltered animals.

Animal Control Officer Magnuson stated that properly fitted collars should not come off pets. She also confirmed that all picked up, unlicensed animals were scanned for microchips.

Mayor Thomasson felt that concurrent renewal dates for dog and cat licensing would be easier for the public.

MOTION was made by Mayor Thomasson and seconded by Councilmember Sherman to direct Administration to prepare the necessary ordinance for incorporating cat licenses into the municipal code and the companion resolution that would establish dog and cat license fees as recommended by staff in the packet.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Kaplan and seconded by Mayor Thomasson to amend the main motion so that the licensing fee for unaltered animals was increased from \$20 to \$30.

Councilmember Kaplan felt that the pet owners needed a significant financial incentive to alter their animals.

Councilmember Sherman asked staff to determine the percentage of licensed dogs that were altered.

Animal Control Officer Magnuson confirmed that unexpired King County animal licenses could be exchanged for City of Des Moines' tags without a fee.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Motion failed, 1- 4 , with Councilmember Kaplan voting in favor of the motion.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: 1999 Surface Water Management Rates

Public Works Director Heydon introduced the subject. He noted that staff and consultants had reviewed the financial, operational, and capital needs of the Surface Water Management program. Rather than recommending expansion of the program, Public Works Director Heydon proposed that the plan build off the original program envisioned by the Council in 1990. Mr. Heydon detailed the surface water history of the area. He noted that Council adopted the surface water management utility in 1989 for the following purposes:

- Control and prevent flooding, erosion, sedimentation, and water quality degradation
- Protect the stream ways and wetlands within the city limits
- Accommodate future urban growth
- Correct existing surface water problems
- Safeguard public safety
- Prevent property damage
- Improve water quality

Public Works Director Heydon highlighted the following accomplishments and projects of the surface water management program:

- City crew's maintenance of the storm drain system and their assistance to citizens
- Marine View Drive Culvert Project
- City Park Detention Project
- North Hill Trunkline
- Highline Community College Project
- Des Moines Creek Basin Plan
- Joint Citizen Projects
 - Pinebrook Terrace
 - 4th Place South
 - 7th Avenue Local Improvement District

R.W. Beck, Inc. Consultant Michael Giseburt explained that the focus of the surface water management capital improvement plan was to reduce flooding and improve water quality and fish habitats. He reviewed the twenty-year Comprehensive Surface Water Management Plan as presented in Council's packet and compared the minimum and optimum program elements.

Public Works Director Heydon confirmed that the City would follow King County's standards that were adopted in September, 1998.

John Ghilarducci from Financial Consultant Solutions Group displayed a chart of the city's surface water rate history as compared with inflation's history. He described the fees associated with providing a minimum and optimum level of service. Mr. Ghilarducci displayed a listing of comparative cities' surface water management rates.

Public Works Director Heydon confirmed that staff was recommending maintaining the existing, minimum surface water management program. He noted that information regarding the

effectiveness of collecting surface water management rates through King County property taxes was not yet available. City Manager Olander noted that first half year collections were at 52%.

Mayor Thomasson proposed that the 1999 Surface Water Management rate be set at \$6.25 per month in keeping with the growth of inflation and to expand the program beyond its minimum standards.

Councilmember Kaplan voiced concern with several rate increases being placed upon the residents by other jurisdictions and utilities as well as this one.

MOTION was made by Mayor Thomasson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brazil to authorize the City Manager to prepare a draft ordinance increasing Surface Water Management rates to \$6.00 per billing unit effective January 1, 1999, and to authorize the City Manager to prepare a draft ordinance adjusting the Surface Water Management rates as determined by an averaged inflation and construction cost index each year beginning January 1, 2000. The draft ordinance will allow the Council to reserve the authority to set or alter such rates by resolution at any time provided the resolution is adopted 30 days prior to the effective dates of the new rates.

VOTE ON MOTION: Motion passed, 4 – 1, with Councilmember Kaplan opposed.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting October 29, 1998

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Chaufy
Deputy City Clerk