

## Draft Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 06/23/2022

### Council Members

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Tim George, Attorney  
Scott Wilkins, Harbormaster  
Nicole Nordholm, PRSS Director  
Bonnie Wilkins, City Clerk  
Jodi Grager, Admin Asst II

**Guests: Councilmembers JC Harris and Gene Achziger**

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm on June 23, 2022 in the Council Chamber

### **Agenda**

1. Approval of 04.28.2022 Minutes
2. Field House Park – Light Pole Telecommunications Lease
3. 2022 Potential Grant Applications

### **Meeting:**

1. The 04.28.2022 Municipal Facilities Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. City Attorney Tim George explained that the City is frequently contacted by telecommunications companies for locating new 5G facilities. Previously the council designated City properties with existing poles as the #1 priority for placement. There is a current Dish lease agreement proposal under review which would be placed at the Field House Park on an existing pole (Attachment #2). The pole is occupied by AT&T, with space for one additional company's equipment. These two companies would be responsible to work together to avoid interference. The FCC doesn't allow local governments to regulate 5G networks due to safety concerns, so the City is fairly limited in preventing the siting of these facilities. City Attorney George requested that the committee give approval to take the lease agreement to Full Council, if the lease comes back from Dish's legal review fairly intact. It was agreed that the lease should move forward if it is returned consistent with the draft terms.
3. Several projects were mentioned as involving work on grant applications for funding sources. Public Works Director Andrew Merges indicated that RCO (Recreation and Conservation Office) has participated in awarding prior grants to the Redondo Restroom and Fishing Pier projects. Staff will

continue to seek this type of grant funding. PRSS Director Nicole Nordholm is working with a consultant to pursue a partnership with King County on the replacement of play equipment at several parks. It was stated that the amount the City has for matching funds should be a consideration as the design work continues. A query about whether the City received float grants was answered in the affirmative by Harbormaster Scott Wilkins.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Grager, Public Works Admin Asst