

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 09/28/2023

Council Members

Jeremy Nutting, Chair
Harry Steinmetz, Vice Chair (absent)
Mayor Matt Mahoney

City Staff

Michael Matthias, City Manager
Bonnie Wilkins, Chief Administrative Officer
Scott Wilkins, Harbormaster
Nicole Nordholm, PRSS Director
Matt Hutchins, Assistant City Attorney
Taria Keane, City Clerk
Sara Lee, Public Disclosure Analyst
Jodi Grager, Admin Asst II

**Guests: Councilmembers Gene Achziger and Vic Pennington, Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton
Chuck Coleman, Peter Philips**

Meeting called to order: 5:01 pm on September 28, 2023 in the Council Chambers

Agenda

1. Approval of 09.22.2022 Minutes
2. Marina and Redondo Paid Parking Update
3. Navier Boat/Hydrofoil

Meeting:

Motion to excuse Councilmember Steinmetz absence approved.

1. The 09.22.2022 Municipal Facilities Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. Harbormaster Scott Wilkins provided an update on the Marina and Redondo Paid Parking. Staff received four quotes for parking systems. The two in-state options have been selected for additional research. New technology includes swipe card entry, cloud based information storage, and software upgrades that are less labor intensive. License Plate Recognition capabilities and 24 hour intercom support are also choices that may be included in the package. It is recommended that the equipment for both paid parking locations be purchased concurrently, although the infrastructure at Redondo is not in place at this time. The Redondo parking lot will be under construction next year with the relocation of the restroom which may be an opportunity for the installation of necessary paid parking groundwork. City Manager Matthias indicated that the cost for the paid parking systems is included in the upcoming bond issuance.
3. CM Matthias announced that in the City's pursuit of advancing multi-modal transportation and creating options for north/south connections; a demonstration is planned for next week to introduce an environmentally friendly option – The Navier Electric Hydrofoil. Consultant Peter Philips explained that the 2022 Fast Ferry Pilot Program exceeded expectations. Council authorized

an expanded pilot for summer of 2023. The original fast ferry was unavailable since the owner decided to sell it. The planned 2023 ferry service was cancelled due to a mechanical failure of the newly contracted boat and an adequate replacement was not located by the ferry owner. The Navier Company reached out to the City of Des Moines because they were impressed by the efforts to offer innovative transportation options. The Navier Hydrofoil demonstration is scheduled for next Wednesday, October 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the Des Moines Marina.

Councilmembers discussion included:

- This is a great opportunity for partnerships
- Battery charging logistics
- Vessel can be designed and built to specific needs

The committee thanked Mr. Philips for his expertise. It was suggested that the topic be presented at a future Environment Committee meeting and then to Full Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Grager, Public Works Admin Asst