

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 12/01/11

Meeting called to order: 6:00P on December 1, 2011, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Dave Kaplan—Chairman & Mayor Pro Tem

Scott Thomasson—Councilmember

Matt Pina—Councilmember

City Staff

Tony Piasecki – City Manager

Grant Fredricks—Director PB&PW

Brandon Carver—Associate Engineer

Jennefer Johnson—Court Administrator

Shawwna Mechler—Scribe

Other City Staff

John O’Leary—Police Chief

Veronica Alicea-Galvan—Judge

AGENDA:

1. Approve 11/03/11 Minutes
2. School Zone Speed Enforcement Camera Update
3. Public Defender Standard Changes

MEETING:

1. Minutes from 11/03/11 were approved as submitted.
2. School Zone Speed Enforcement – John O’Leary handed out three (3) statistical reports from the City of Des Moines Photo Enforcement Program. This program launched in October, but November was the first full month. Since the program was implemented, the Police Department has issued several warnings to violators, and has extended the warning period until the end of November. December 1st, violators will be getting infractions in the mail.

Page No. 1 illustrates citations by violation month. The Issuance Rate Detail Report shows that in the month of November, 280 violators have been issued warnings.

Page No. 2 illustrates data from the Officer Approval Report between 10/03/11 and 12/1/11. During that time, out of 483 reviewed violations, 471 were accepted and 12 were rejected. Rejection factors are due to camera focus, image mismatch, no DMV matches/record found, outside of enforcement time and other factors (trailer hitch obstruction etc...).

The third handout was an overall November Statistics data. 280 warnings issued = \$58,800 (calculate at \$210 per violation). Fixed fee per camera cost is \$4750.00 x 2 = \$9500.00. The total project revenue prior to employees time to process violations = \$49,300.

Councilmember Pina inquired about the approximate percentage of violators that will be asking to speak to the judge about the citation. Court Administrator Johnson believed it will be a high percentage initially, but will decrease in time. She speculated fifty to seventy issued citations per day. Chief O’Leary said there has been a dramatic change in driver behavior since the photo enforcement program was implemented.

3. Public Defender Standard Changes

Veronica Alicea-Galvan—DMC Judge made a presentation of proposed changes in Public Defender Standards. She provided handouts to the committee and a discussion on rules developed. She stated she was there to inform the committee of the future possibilities, but said DMC will most likely not be affected right away. She will be giving the committee members the website to make recommendations or comments to the WSBA council.

Adjourned 6:32 PM

Minutes submitted by:

Shawwna E. Mechler
Police Senior Secretary