

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 12/11/08

Meeting called to order: 6:09 PM on December 11, 2008, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198

Purpose/Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Draft 2009 Work Program
3. Budget
4. Transportation Benefit District

Attendees: Chairman Dave Kaplan; Ed Pina, Councilmember Staff: Grant Fredricks, PB&PW Director; Dan Brewer, Asst. Director Transportation & Engineering; Brandon Carver, Associate Transportation Engineer; Tony Piasecki, City Manager; Dana Salyer, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Dan Sherman, Mayor Pro Tem; Lorri Ericson, Assistant City Manager

Approval of Minutes: The following minutes were approved from past meetings:

- September 4, 2008
- October 2, 2008
- October 13, 2008
- November 6, 2008

Discussion:

1. Draft 2009 Work Program

- Dan distributed a 2009 Conceptual PS&T Work Program that outlined areas of transportation to be considered. It was made clear that TIP has to be established every year after Dave Kaplan raised the question.
- The Comprehensive Transportation Plan was discussed and Dave would like Dan to bring forward a list of items that were to be anticipated directly related to Transportation.
- It was suggested by Dave to wait until mid-year to look into the Automated Traffic Enforcement program. Ed would like that to be sooner as there are many intersection where running red lights is a problem.
- More information is needed to make an informed decision about the Passenger Only Ferry site that was selected for Des Moines. Dave recommended that this should be brought straight to the council. Ed would like to see the Downtown Parking proposal linked with it since there would be a need for people to park who would utilize the ferry system.
- Dave would like a copy of the Work Program for 2009 from Police for the Public Safety side of PS&T.

2. Budget:

- One-time funds spreadsheet was distributed to the committee. It was made clear that the items were not presented in any prioritized manor.
- A spreadsheet of the “Ready to Go” projects for City of Des Moines and the potential Federal stimulus opportunities. It was pointed out that the Des Moines Creek Trail was the only project that is federalized. In January 2009 there will be a determination whether the North

Twin Bridge will be as well. The North Twin Bridge's NEPA portion is not done but is ready to submit for review. This list will also be integrated with a list put together from other cities in the King County area that will go to Olympia and then to PSRC for review.

3. Transportation Benefit District:

- Dan distributed the Transportation Benefit District Agenda for the special board meeting that will be held Thursday, December 18, 2008. The City Council created this board by previously passing Draft Ordinance #1447.
 - Des Moines is leading the way along with Lake Forest Park, who is one week ahead of us in the process. Other cities moving forward are Olympia and Edmonds.
 - The staff would like to see Draft Ordinance #08-277 passed at the council meeting scheduled for December 18, 2008 authorizing the city to collect the \$20 fee. Lake Forrest Park adopted this same type of ordinance as well.
 - The Committee is concerned that this program might go away during the 2009 year or later, it could also be challenged by the initiative process.
 - The committee would also like a consensus from the DOL determining what portion of the vehicles are up for renewal in the beginning of the year versus the end of the year.
- Staff noted this would be a budget balancing strategy. This tax would create an increase in revenue and create sustainable funding for the pavement management plan without using the general fund.
- Dave raised the question about the start up fees for this TBD. Dan has not received all the information on this but there may be a possibility of it needing to be paid up front to the DOL. Grant suggested that maybe there could be a contract to committing to reimburse once the fees were collected.
- Dave wanted to know if this TBD was to exist in the city books or have their own. Tony reminded everyone that there was still to be a lot of work and research done on this.
- Dan said revenue can be used on any roadway that relates to congestion. Also, that there will be eligible functions brought forth for the distribution of the funds. These funds will also take out line items in the budget such as signals, buttons, and striping that are related to arterials.
- Dave raised the questions about these funds being used for people or things. It was said they could go for both and Tony reminded again that it would free up money in the general fund.

Before adjournment, Grant passed out the Transportation Services Division 2008 Annual report.

Adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted – Dana Salyer, Administrative Assistant