Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 02/02/12

Meeting called to order: 6:07P on February 2, 2011, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members
Dave Kaplan – Mayor
Matt Pina – Chair, Mayor Pro Tem
Jeanette Burrage - Councilmember

City Staff
Tony Piasecki – City Manager
John O'Leary – Police Chief
Grant Fredricks - Director PB&PW
Dan Brewer - Asst. Dir. Transp. & Engineering
Brandon Carver – Associate Engineer
Linda Wright – Admin Asst. II

AGENDA:
1. Approve 11/03/11 and 12/01/11 Minutes
2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair
3. 2012 Conceptual Work Program
4. Coordination with SeaTac – Transportation Issues
5. 2012 Grant Schedule
6. Project Updates: Gateway, SR509 ROW/Barnes Creek Trail, Traffic Safety Program, North Twin Bridge, S. 216th St. (MVD-11th Ave S) Beach Park Mud Slide, PSE Undergrounding on Kent-Des Moines Road, and Water District 54 Waterline Project
7. Complete Streets Ordinance
8. Pavement Management Program

MEETING:

1. Minutes from 11/03/11 and 12/01/11 were unanimously approved as submitted by Mayor Kaplan and Mayor ProTem Pina (Council Member Burrage abstained as she was not on the Council in 2011).
2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair: Mayor ProTem Pina expressed desire to serve as Chair and was approved unanimously. Council Member Burrage will serve as Vice-Chair.
3. 2012 Conceptual Work Program – Topics to be discussed over next 12 mos. was handed out by Dan Brewer. Discussion followed on a couple topics i.e. Fireworks Ordinance (decriminalize for easier handling by Police Dept.) Hitch Hiking (to assist in handling prostitute issue) Sound Transit (200th to 272nd) When topic of Medical Marijuana set for August discussion ensued about zoning, moratorium, legality and differences between Federal/State laws and Des Moines liability. City wants to be proactive and prepared should application for collective gardens or dispensaries come in. Want to be ready for where they can grow versus random or sensitive areas. Right now can say "No" under Federal Law because it is illegal regarding dispensaries but gardens have some capability under State Law. Council member Kaplan stressed that we are only allowed a 6-month moratorium and a 6-month extension for total of 12 months; don't want to invoke too soon as State Legislature and Federal Lawmakers both wrestling and amending policies. **Staff to continue to keep Committee informed as legislation is brought forward.**

   Time was running out on discussion – question was asked if the Work Program should be adopted; however, it was agreed that this document is a work guideline not an adopted schedule – it will be subject to City interest, staff time, and necessary events that might change the order or add/delete items. Question was asked about the "Dangerous Dog" ordinance for this fall. Chief O'Leary explained that was to make sure that our codes were up to date as Tacoma had recently had some litigation on this topic.

   Director Grant Fredricks wanted to clarify what would be remanded to full Council according to rules. City Manager Piasecki said at this point, ordinances, resolutions and specific motions needed to be remanded. There will be further discussion on handling of other topics and conclusions. Grant also explained that staff was stretched with a busy schedule and that one of their missions is to work on items that generate funds i.e. capital budget and development. These items will be their priority unless directed otherwise. Staff was reminded that the Work Plan should coincide with the Council Strategic Objectives.

4. Coordination of Transportation Items with SeaTac. A list of mutual topics to be discussed with SeaTac to ensure best possible grant funding for mutual transportation projects, light rail, etc. It was in process of being arranged when SeaTac's Public Works & Transportation Committee was discontinued and Council/Mayor changed personnel. It was suggested to restart by a letter coming from our Chair of PS&T addressed to SeaTac Council listing only topics 1, 2 and 4 from the list handed out to give an indication of the type of topics to be discussed. **A letter will be drafted for Chair Pina's signature to be sent next week. Director Fredricks will give his SeaTac counterpart Tom Gut at a meeting they will both be attending next week a heads up that a letter is coming**

5. 2012 Grant Schedule. Dan passed out a schedule showing the various grants that staff will be applying for, many of which are to be submitted by end of spring; therefore next couple months will be busy working on applications. In addition a detailed diagram of how PSRC and CMAQ Projects are selected and the subject of working with other jurisdictions i.e. Port, SeaTac, Kent, and Federal Way on joint regional projects that benefit the southern county areas. Director Fredricks pointed out that under the Countywide Processes there is a section for funds for preservation and maintenance of pavement (streets/roads) but there's a difference of thought between the entities as to how it should be distributed due to some cities funding their pavement program and others choosing to continue with their programs – all as a result of economic times and difficulty in making various choices.

6. Project Updates: Dan Brewer handed out details on the Gateway Project including a separate sheet with information for funding the City's portion of the required matching funds to the $4 million grant received from TIB. Plan A – solicit upfront money and commitment from the Port for their portion of frontage fees along the DMCBP (Des Moines Creek Business Park) to use as the City's matching fund portion and we would then build the streets. Original design was to include the intersection at $24^{th}/216^{th}$ for the 24^{th} Ave portion of the Gateway project (which didn't receive a grant.) Plan B suggestions will affect the General Fund and require a great deal of manipulation of available monies; needs further discussion. Time did not allow finishing the rest of the agenda. Brief mention of the SR509 ROW and showed map with portion WSDOT is granting to us at no cost; however costs of needs for roadway, drainage and trails was spent on design by consultant and staff time. Has taken $75,000 and 13 months to get "free" ROW; however, would have been much more expensive if they hadn't granted it.

Question was asked when next TBD (Transportation Benefit District) meeting was scheduled for – February 23, 7-7:30P. **Also Chair Pina asked about crosswalks along Marine View Drive especially at the Benson's corner, possibility of flashing cross walk as one of the safety grants. Staff will check into.**

As meeting was running out of time and some of the items didn't get discussed; it was determined to hold another meeting from 6:30 to 7:20 next Thursday 2/9/12 before Council Study session.

Vice Chair Burrage wants further discussion on the "Complete Streets Ordinance" which is required by the HEAL Grant (Healthy Eating and Living). Is scheduled to be brought before full Council 2/9.

Adjourned 7:28 PM
Minutes submitted by Linda Wright, Administrative Asst.

NOTE: After meeting closed Vice Chair Burrage mentioned to Brandon and Dan that there were some stop sign issue at corner near Parkside Elementary. She would furnish Brandon with more details when she found her notes. He will look into it.