

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 05/17/12

Meeting called to order: 5:47 PM on May 17, 2012, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue So., Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Matt Pina—Chairman & Mayor Pro Tem
Jeanette Burrage—Vice Chair
Dave Kaplan—Mayor

Guest from City of King County Sheriff

Steve Strachan—King County Sheriff

Other City Staff

Tony Piasecki – City Manager
Lorri Ericson—Asst. City Manager
Grant Fredricks—Director PB&PW
John O’Leary—Chief of Police
Kevin Tucker—Police Commander
Patti Harris—Acting Police Commander
Barry Sellers—Police Master Sergeant
Dan Brewer—Associate Engineer
Tim George—Asst. City Attorney
Jennefer Johnson—Court Administrator
Shawna Mechler—Scribe

AGENDA:

1. Approved 03/01/12 and 04/05/12 Minutes
2. School Zone Speed Enforcement Camera Update
3. TIP Transportation Improvement Plan
4. Discussion of Street Overlay Funds
5. Presentation by King County Sheriff Regarding Partnerships

MEETING:

1. Minutes from 03/01/12 and 04/05/12 were approved as submitted.
2. School Zone Speed Enforcement – Chief O’Leary handed out two (2) statistical reports from the City of Des Moines Photo Enforcement Program. As of December 1, 2011 violators are receiving infractions in the mail.

Hand out No. 1 illustrates the Woodmont School Zone overall Revenue and Disposition of Infractions. The actual revenue to date is \$ 103,644.00. The Issuance Rate Detail Report shows that from December 2011 to March 2012 the total number of infractions issued is 1,002.

Hand out No. 2 illustrates the Woodmont School Zone Status Report. The Pre-photo enforcement average violation rate is 97 per day (over 6+ MPH threshold), and the post-photo average violation rate is 14.24 per day (over 6+ MPH threshold). The daily average between January to April shows approximately at an 85% reduction. The fines are \$210.00 for 6+ MPH over the speed limit and \$250.00 for 11+ MPH over the speed limit. The fixed fee per camera cost is \$4750.00 x 2 = \$9500.00 for each approach (two approaches north and south). The total project revenue from December 2011 to date is \$103,644.00.

Chief O’Leary would like to see the program expand to Midway Elementary.

Chairman Pina inquired about whether or not the potential revenue would fund installing the cameras at Midway Elementary. Chief O’Leary stated that the City is not responsible for the cost of installation of the cameras only the fee itself. Councilmember Burrage asked about the accuracy of the camera equipment. Chief O’Leary explained when any violator makes a formal court appearance

to contest an infraction; it is the responsibility of the ATS (American Transportation Solutions) to explain the camera's hardware and software technology. Assistant City Attorney said the City also has expert certifications to provide in court—if necessary. Chairman Pina asked the committee for a group consensus to install cameras at Midway Elementary by September. **The committee agreed to move the matter to full Council.**

3. TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) Dan Brewer handed out a spreadsheet identical to last year's TIP. He said the only project we have added is the arterial city improvement. We have a quarter million dollar grant that has been submitted and we are waiting on the official word on that.
4. Discussion of Street Overlay Funds took place regarding whether or not any extra utility tax is needed from voters to obtain another 3% which will add up to approximately 1.6 million for streets. Dan Brewer said he does not recommend a full pavement replacement, only for longevity maintenance of our streets that are in still in good shape. Mayor Kaplan said he's comfortable asking for 3% as long as it's going for pavement management. Councilmember Burrage said 3% is too high. If the voters did not pass a 1.5% increase for roads seven months ago, why would they approve 3% now? Dan Brewer said we have a good chance through a grant process to work on the roads that need pavement now instead of rebuilding them later. Chairman Pina said that November is already going to be a heavy tax initiative. **City Manager Piasecki said to get it on the ballot in June; however, no percentage was agreed upon by the committee.**
5. King County Sheriff Steve Strachan discussed the possibility of future partnerships between the King County Sheriffs Office and the City of Des Moines Police Department. He said that contracts are one part of their business, but partnerships are important as well. He explained that King County Sheriff is no longer an "either/or" proposition, and because economics have made it tough on our municipal cities he said he'd like to invite more future conversations with the City to find ways they can help reduce our costs. One cost cutting example he provided was the possibility of nightshift police supervision carried by multiple cities that are contracted with King County Sheriff. Another example he provided was how they could provide Detectives that are specialized in high impact offender groups. Also, he added—nightshift Records coverage. One of their goals at the King County Sheriff's office is to build ways for other agencies to attach to their Records system. He said they have approximately 700 deputies; they can hire up and down.

Chairman Pina said he really liked the idea of partnerships. He inquired if we could possibly consider an augmentation contract that we can review? Sheriff Strachan thought this would be a huge labor guild issue with the City, but the way to do that would be by zones. Chairman Pina said that if we can't come up with direct costs, maybe during a short period we can partnership.

City Manager Piasecki said the approach of it's not "either/or" is refreshing. He said trying to save money is another important factor for the City. He said our employees are important to us as well; part of his approach is not to lay off employees, we want to keep what leverage we have.

Sheriff Strachan said he would love to come back and have more conversations about partnerships if possible.

Adjourned 6:35 PM

Minutes submitted by:

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