

**MINUTES
COUNCIL RETREAT
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
March 10, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER – The City Council Retreat was called to order by Mayor Kaplan at 9:08 a.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, Des Moines Creek Room, 2045 South 216th Street, Des Moines WA 98198.

ROLL CALL - Present were Mayor Dave Kaplan; Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Pina; and Councilmembers Bob Sheckler, Carmen Scott, Jeanette Burrage, Melissa Musser, and Dan Caldwell.

Staff present were City Manager Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson, City Attorney Pat Bosmans; Finance Director Paula Henderson; Parks Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell; Interim Police Chief John O’Leary; Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks; Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury; Police Commander Kevin Tucker; Municipal Judge Veronica Alicea-Galvan; Court Administrator Jennefer Johnson; City Clerk Sandy Paul.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS REGARDING BUDGET PROCESS AND STRUCTURE

Mayor Kaplan invited individual Councilmembers to share their priorities as viewed from their own perspectives.

DISCUSSION/REVISION/PRIORITIZATION (dot exercise) OF CITY COUNCIL GOALS SET AT JANUARY 14, 2012 RETREAT

Each Councilmember was given 8 yellow dots to place on each listed priority in order of its importance to them. Multiple dots could be placed on one priority.

BREAK – Councilmembers and attendees took a 15 minute break.

DISCUSS OF RESULTS OF PRIORITIZATION(dot exercise)

The City Council reviewed, discussed and revised its Goals, ranked in order, as follows:

Goals

1. Protect people and property
2. Improve economic stability, vitality and development
3. Maintain the City’s infrastructure
4. Enhance the City’s infrastructure
5. Provide efficient and effective customer-oriented City services
6. Preserve, enhance, and celebrate the historic elements of Des Moines
7. Enhance livability for all generations
8. Encourage community involvement
9. Preserve livability for all generations
10. Protect the natural environment

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF CITY COUNCIL GOALS (as set out at the January 14, 2012 retreat)

Department heads’ assignment was to showcase all activities in their department as they relate to each of the Council goals. Planning Building and Public Works Director Grant Fredricks went first.

Time ran out before the subsequent departments could make presentations. Department presentations will be scheduled for a future City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sandy Paul