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Ord. 983

ORDINANCE NO. 611

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON establishing a Planning Agency to perform the functions previously performed by the Planning Commission and Park Board, describing the functions of the Planning Agency, and repealing the ordinances which previously provided for a Planning Commission and Park Board.

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has been organized and operates under the Optional Municipal Code, RCW 35A, and

WHEREAS, for some years past there has existed in the City of Des Moines a Planning Commission and Park Board, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the functions of the Park Board have been essentially of a planning nature and it is in the interests of efficiency and good government to combine the functions of the Planning Commission and Park Board into one agency to be denominated the Des Moines Planning Agency, which terminology is in keeping with the provisions of the Optional Municipal Code; now, therefore:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.020 there is hereby established in the City of Des Moines a Planning Agency which shall function in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. Membership-Term. The Planning Agency shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the City Council. The first seven members of the Planning Agency shall be the current members of the City Planning Commission, and shall serve the terms to which they were appointed. Thereafter, the term of office of the members of the Planning Agency shall be six years and the terms of the members shall be fixed and designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Members may be removed for cause by the Mayor with a majority approval of the City Council. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations, and they shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Powers-Duties. The Planning Agency shall have all the powers and perform each and all of the duties specified by RCW 35A.63, together with any other duties or authority which may be conferred upon it by ordinance. The performance of such duties and the exercise of such authority shall be subject to each and all of the limitations expressed in such legislative enactment or enactments.

Section 4. Powers-Duties With Respect to Parks. In addition to the powers and duties specified in the preceding section, the Planning Agency shall provide recommendations to the City Council for the development and improvement of lands and roads for parks, trails, picnic grounds, playgrounds, recreational centers, swimming pools, beaches and other recreational facilities and programs for the use and benefit of the public and shall advise the City Council regarding planning, promotion, acquisition, construction and development of public recreational facilities and programs, make recommendations which it may deem advisable for the acquisition and development of future recreational facilities, and perform such other services and studies as may be requested by the City Council.

Section 5. Referral to Planning Agency-Recommendations. The City Council may refer to the Planning Agency, for its recommendations and report, any ordinance, resolution or other proposal and the Planning Agency shall promptly report to the City Council thereon, making such recommendations and giving such counsel as it may deem proper in the premises.

Section 6. Subdivisions and Street Dedications. All plats or plans of subdivisions of land within the City or proposed additions shall first be submitted to the Planning Agency for its recommendation and report, which report shall be made to the City Council 30 days after submission, or at such earlier date as the City Council may direct.

Section 7. Officers of the Planning Agency-Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of Business. The meetings of the Planning Agency shall be chaired by a Presiding Officer and in the absence of that member by a Vice-Presiding Officer. Rules and regulations for the election of the Presiding Officer and Vice-Presiding Officer, and the conduct of business before the Planning Agency, shall be adopted by a majority of the members of the Planning Agency. The City Manager shall designate a member of the paid staff of the City to serve as Secretary. Members of the Planning Agency shall serve without compensation.

Section 8. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Planning Agency shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present, when those present constitute a quorum, at any regular or special meeting of the Planning Agency, shall be deemed taken as the action of the Agency.

Section 9. Attendance at Meetings. The Presiding Officer of the Planning Agency shall have the exclusive authority to excuse a member from a duly called meeting. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to advise the secretary if any member has been excused from the meeting and the Secretary shall record such excuse in the minutes. Three unexcused absences from duly called meetings in any calendar year shall be cause for removal from the Planning Agency. The procedure for the removal shall be as follows:

- (1) The Secretary shall advise the Presiding Officer when unexcused absences total three in any calendar year;
- (2) The Presiding Officer shall advise the Secretary to so notify the City Council;
- (3) The matter shall be placed on the City Council agenda and the member notified in writing;
- (4) The member may be removed by majority vote of the City Council.

Section 10. Annual Report. The Planning Agency, at or before its first regular meeting in December of each year, shall make a full report in writing to the City Council of its transactions and expenditures, if any, for the preceding year and such general recommendations as to matters covered by its prescribed duties and authority as may seem proper.

Section 11. Henceforth, any reference in any of the ordinances of the City of Des Moines to the expression "Planning Commission" shall hereafter mean "Planning Agency".

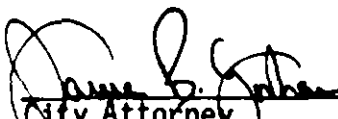
Section 12. The following sections of the Des Moines Municipal Code are hereby repealed: DMMC 2.16.010 through DMMC 2.16.080 and DMMC 2.24.010 through DMMC 2.24.070.

Section 13. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 1985.

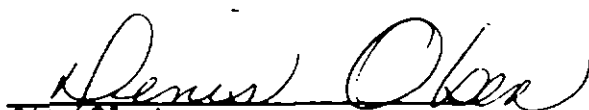
PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines this 15th day of November, 1984, and signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of November, 1984.

  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

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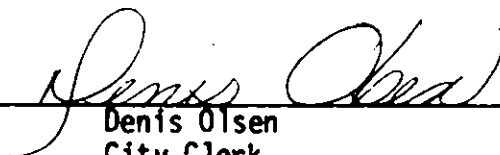
ORDINANCE NO. 611 SUMMARY, Adopted November 15, 1984.

TITLE: Establishes a Planning Agency to perform the functions previously performed by the Planning Commission and Park Board, describes the functions of the Planning Agency, and repeals ordinances which previously provided for a Planning Commission and Park Board.

- Section 1. Establishes the Planning Agency.
- Section 2. Describes membership, terms of office, and removal of members of the Planning Agency.
- Section 3. Specifies the powers and duties of the Planning Agency.
- Section 4. Specifies the powers and duties of the Planning Agency with respects to Parks.
- Section 5. Provides that the City Council may refer proposals to the Planning Agency and requires the Planning Agency to make recommendations.
- Section 6. Grants jurisdiction to the Planning Agency to make recommendations on subdivisions.
- Section 7. Describes the officers of the Planning Agency and provides for rules and regulations for the conduct of business.
- Section 8. Requires a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 9. Describes the rules for attendance at meetings and for removal for failure to attend meetings.
- Section 10. Requires the Planning Agency to give an annual report.
- Section 11. Substitutes the expression "Planning Agency" for "Planning Commission" in all the ordinances in the City of Des Moines.
- Section 12. Repeals sections of the Des Moines Municipal Code inconsistent with the ordinance.
- Section 13. Describes the effect date.

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Denis Olsen  
City Clerk