



Mail-in ballot for police station bond issue

Des Moines residents will get another opportunity this April to vote on a measure to build a new police station.

The election will be conducted by a mail-in vote. Registered voters will receive ballots in the mail around April 15 and be asked to return them with a postmark of no later than April 25.

While a majority of voters (52 percent) in the November 1994 election supported a \$3.97 million bond issue for a new police station, the measure failed because it fell short of the 60 percent yes vote required for approval.

The proposed 1994 bond issue included buying land for a new police station, constructing the 15,000-square-foot facility, and remodeling the old station for general city offices.

The City Council reduced the bond issue by deleting general remodeling of the current facility. The revised plan is for police purposes only and will cost \$3.35 million.

If approved by voters, the bond issue would fund construction of a new 15,000 square-foot police station located just south of the existing police facility on 11th Avenue South. This property is just south of the Water District 54 water tower site.

The new single-story building would provide space for current and additional officers needed to meet the com-

Election at a glance

- \$3.35 million bond issue for new police station.
- Cost to property owners 30 cents per \$1,000 valuation, or \$37.50 a year for a \$125,000 house.
- Mail-in ballot must be postmarked by April 25. Registered voters will be sent a ballot around April 15.

munity's public safety needs for at least the next 20 years. There would be up-to-date training facilities, investigative facilities, interview and conference rooms, and a public meeting space.

The police force has outgrown the current police facility which was built in the 1970s when the city's population was 6,000 and the police force numbered 11. Today, Des Moines is 21,330 population and the number of police officers has increased proportionately.

A recent architectural study indicated the existing 4,000 square foot facility is far too small to even meet current needs. The study recommended a current need of 12,000 square feet with 3,000 square feet to accommodate future growth.

Besides being severely overcrowded, with inadequate interview rooms and meeting areas, the current police station does not meet government requirements for handicapped access and separate locker room facilities for male and female officers. Women officers now must use a restroom to change clothes.

The \$3.35 million bond issue would cost property owners an additional 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation annually beginning in 1996. That would cost the owner of a \$125,000 house \$37.50 a year. A 15-year bond term was selected instead of the longer 20- or 25-year term in order to reduce overall interest cost to taxpayers.

Citizens and community groups can arrange tours of the police station by calling Lt. Kevin Tucker at 870-6560. A video examining the police station can be seen on channel 28 Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. For information on bond and levy costs, call Finance Director Jim Hathaway at 870-6512. For information on the mail-in ballot, call the King County Elections Division at 296-1565.

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"HONORING DES MOINES" - Mayor Richard Kennedy presented plaques to the resident councils in a March 3 ceremony honoring Des Moines as part the Wesley Homes 50th Anniversary Celebration. Pictured are (from left) Greg Prothman, City Manager; Myron Sharrard, Gardens Council Vice Chair; Walter MacArthur, Terrace Council President; and Mrs. Cecile Lee, Health Center Council; and Mayor Kennedy.



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Youth involvement is focus of special City Council meeting at high school

In an effort to recognize and involve youths in the community, the City Council is holding its April 20 regular business meeting at Mount Rainier High School in the school library at 1 p.m.

Nearly 50 young people who have participated in community service projects and worked as interns for the city will be recognized at the meeting. Also, students from civics classes will attend the meeting to learn more about the governmental process.

The special council meeting is part of the City Council's focus this year on youth programs and youth involvement in the community. A number of city programs involving youths have been started in recent months. High school students work as interns in various departments at City Hall and youths serve on the Police Department's Citizens Advisory Board.

"Our young adults have a lot of valuable input, if we'd just listen," said Police Chief Don Obermiller.

Also, youths are participating in the hiring process for police officers by helping monitor the physical tests and serving on a panel that interviews candidates.

The Police Department in recent months has focused on opening a dialogue with young people and becoming more of a friend instead of an adversary. Police officers routinely stop by the



Jin Kim, a senior at Mt. Rainer High School, works as a volunteer intern in the City's Accounting Department eight hours a week. She receives business credit through school and plenty of valuable experience.

school at lunch to talk to youths and develop a presence. Officers have conducted traffic safety classes at the school.

One of the newer programs is "Teen Chat" where officers go before a different class each week, talk about their jobs and answer any questions.

"We try to explain situations and procedures to students so they can understand why we do the things we do," said Officer Vic Williams. "We also get a lot of input from students and this helps us better prepare our officers. It lets them know what the kids' concerns are."

The April 20 City Council meeting at the high school is open to the public. It will be televised on cable Channel 28 on April 25 and 26, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Senior Center moved to Masonic Hall following storm closure

Most Senior Center operations and services have been moved to the Masonic Hall following flooding in February that caused structural damage to the dining hall of the Senior Center at Des Moines Beach Park.

Des Moines Creek runs under the dining hall at the park, and heavy rains and high tides President's Day weekend forced a temporary closure of the Senior Center because of flooding. Follow-up inspections revealed there had been struc-

tural damage to the underside of the dining hall. The main building at the Senior Center, the Founder's Lodge, was not damaged.

A structural engineering firm is currently assessing the damage and preparing a report on what measures can be taken to repair the building, as well as other options.

For the time being, Senior Center operations and services are being conducted at the Masonic Hall, 2208 S.

223rd. St. The hall has a kitchen and dining facility large enough to handle the crowd that regularly showed up at the Senior Center for lunches and other events.

Patrice Thorell, Des Moines Parks and Recreation director, thanks the Masons for being so accommodating. "They saved the program because of their willingness to let us relocate there," she said.



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RECENT DRAINAGE PROJECTS

1. The city installed a new drainage system on 10th Ave. S., just north of S. 251st St. The system consists of two new catchbasins and 183 feet of 12" diameter pipe. This new drainage prevents some localized flooding and erosion along 10th Ave. S.
2. A frenchdrain was installed across S. 234th St. between Kent-Des Moines Road and 24th Ave. S. This was installed to collect groundwater that was seeping through the street pavement. This seeping water would freeze on the pavement during cold spells and become a hazard to motorists. It also jeopardized the integrity of the road surface. This frenchdrain conveys the water to an adjacent catchbasin.
3. An inlet was installed to solve flooding over a sidewalk on the east side of Marine View Drive between S. 218th St. and S. 216th St. The water is piped under a sidewalk to the city drainage system.
4. A property owner requested the city install 290 feet of 12" pipe and a catchbasin using the city pipe program.
5. Public Works crews installed 243 feet of 12" pipe and three catchbasins at several locations. These improvements remedy some drainage problems in the city system.

Capital Improvement Projects

CITY PARK: Construction is scheduled to begin this summer on the City Park Detention Facility, the first of three regional detention sites that are planned to help alleviate flooding of the Lower Massey Creek area. In addition to the much needed stormwater detention storage, this project will include park enhancements to the stream tributary such as installation of erosion control features (riprap and stream cobbles, log weirs, bank stabilization and anchoring of the lower foot bridge).

In coordination with the detention project, a 24-inch diameter bypass stormdrain pipe will be installed to the park from S. 227th Place. The existing storm pipe will continue to be used but only for local neighborhood drainage. Both projects will include extensive earthwork and dewatering procedures. During the two months of construction, the park will be temporarily closed. The end result will be an attractive and inviting area that will serve as both a park as well as a detention facility during extreme storms. Following construction of the detention sites, work will begin on the Massey Creek channel modifications and habitat improvements.

BARNES CREEK: The second of three regional detention sites to control water in the Lower Massey Creek is proposed at the headwaters of Barnes Creek just south of S. 222nd St. This facility will reduce peak storm flows in Barnes Creek (thereby minimizing local flooding) as well as reducing the peak flows of the lower reaches of Massey Creek. The reduction of peak flows will alleviate some of the flooding and erosion, as well as water quality and fisheries problems in this drainage basin.

The proposed project will also enhance the degraded wetland that currently exists at the site and will ultimately be expanded by making the wetland contiguous with surrounding wetlands. Features of the detention facility are: two sedimentation forebays, marsh zones, wildlife habitat and replacement of non-native invasive plants with native plant species. The wetland will also have some ability to remove pollutants such as nutrients, fecal coliform bacteria, sediment, dissolved metals and petroleum.

The project will be showcased as an example of appropriate use of land for wetland enhancement, wildlife habitat and surface water management. Signs will be placed at sites around the perimeter of the facility to explain the benefits of wetlands and safeguarding water quality.



Girl Scouts Community Service

As part of an environmental awareness program, the Girl Scouts (Troops 1061, 389, 1323 and 197) will be helping to protect the City's streams by marking street storm drains with the warning - DUMP NO WASTE (FISH EMBLEM) DRAINS TO STREAM. The project is slated for the Saturdays of May 6th and May 13th and will take place in the Thunderbird and Mt. Rainier High School areas. The City will also issue fliers to the neighborhoods prior to the work as a reminder to limit street parking in these areas and to drive carefully. In advance, we would like to thank the Girl Scouts for their dedication to their community and to the environment. (THANK YOU!!!!!!)

Pollution Facts: One pint of oil can produce a slick covering approximately one acre of water. Used oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our nation's waterways and has the worst environmental impact of all automotive products because it's insoluble, persistent, and laced with toxic chemicals and heavy metals.

Annual Spring Clean Collection Day April 22

The City of Des Moines and Sea-Tac Disposal are providing a special Spring Clean Collection Day, Saturday, April 22, starting at 7 a.m.

On this day only, residents can have their garbage, recyclables and yard waste picked up at their curbside at no charge. Appliances will be picked up for a small fee. Collection starts early in the morning, so have your items at curbside the night before. This collection is available only to single-family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the city. You do not have to be a customer of Sea-Tac Disposal to participate.

Only materials that meet the guidelines below will be picked up:

- Place garbage at the curb and separate from recyclables and yard waste.

- Garbage must be in containers less than 60 pounds. No loose garbage will be collected.

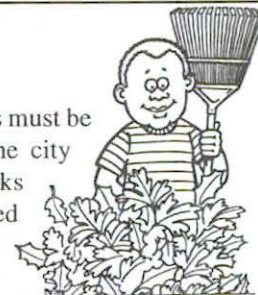
- **YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Yard waste must be separate and placed in biodegradable containers (cardboard boxes or paper bags) or bound with natural fibers.

- Yard-waste containers/bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length or weigh more than 60 pounds. Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter.

- Place recyclables in bags or boxes, clearly labeled and separate from garbage and yard waste. Loose material won't be collected.

- Used appliances will also be collected at curbside for recycling, however a fee

is charged. Tags must be purchased at the city Public Works building located at 21650 11th Ave. S. prior to the collection



day. Tags are \$35 for refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers; \$15 for all other appliances, including TVs and other furniture. **APPLIANCES WITHOUT TAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.** Call 878-8626 for information.

- **NO HAZARDOUS WASTES WILL BE COLLECTED.** Save these materials for drop-off at the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. For scheduling of Wastemobile call 296-4692.

THIRD-RUNWAY UPDATE

City officials brief Congressional delegation on Sea-Tac expansion

A group of Des Moines City officials and other members of the Airport Communities Coalition met with Washington State's Congressional delegation and federal transportation officials last month in Washington D.C. to discuss the third-runway at Sea-Tac Airport.

The Des Moines officials were in the nation's capital attending the National League of Cities Conference. The group included Mayor Richard Kennedy; Council members Terry Brazil, Lew Anderson and Dan Sherman; City Manager Greg Prothman; and Assistant City Manager Bob Olander. Normandy Park Mayor David Miller and Burien Mayor Arun Jhaveri also attended the airport-related meetings.

The Congressional delegation was told by the ACC group that the third runway is a very expensive "Band-aid" solution - \$1.1 billion is the latest estimate - and that better alternatives are available such as supplemental airports, high speed rail and adjusting landing fees to encourage non-peak period operations and ease rush-hour congestion.

The ACC group asked transportation officials to extend the review period for

the draft environmental impact statement on the third runway from 60 days to 150 days to allow the public more time to review the document and provide input. The Port is expected to release the draft EIS in late April.

■ "EXPERT PANEL" REPORT

In a related matter, an "Expert Panel" appointed by the state Transportation Secretary as directed by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) has reported that the Port of Seattle has not undertaken adequate noise mitigation measures relating to the existing two runways at Sea-Tac.

Specifically, the panel said the Port's noise metric does not measure the impact on "real folks" and that other metrics can be included. Further, it said the Port must use at least six more noise monitors and measure noise where people live instead of in buy-out areas.

The panel determined that the Noise Abatement Program does not meet its design goals for individual homes for noise reduction after being insulated. Concern was expressed that night-time run-ups at the airport may violate the King County Noise Ordinance by sub-

stantial amounts.

The panel also concluded that the Port, the FAA and state Department of Transportation have not provided sufficient information for the panel to determine if the Port has undertaken measures relating to demand management and systems management. Demand management deals with the overall efficiency of the airport, while systems management pertains to transportation systems that could alleviate airport congestion. A request has been made for more information.

■ AIRPORT-RELATED LEGISLATION

A number of airport-related bills were introduced in Olympia this legislative session. The single bill that has survived, Senate Bill 5361, would eliminate the requirement that residents sign avigation easements before participating in the Port's Noise Abatement Program (noise insulating).

The bill revises guidelines for the Transaction Assistance Program to be less unilateral and favorable to the Port. The bill also requires the Port to add six additional monitors to measure noise impacts.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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DECEMBER 1994

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1109 regarding the 1995 property taxes.
- No. 1110 creating a facility repair and replacement fund.
- No. 1111 adopting the 1995 Budget.
- No. 1112 providing for an areawide zoning classification, reclassifying the zoning of certain real properties to DC (Downtown Commercial).
- No. 1113 relating to the administration and enforcement of the electrical code.

■ Held a public hearing on a rezone request and variance for property located at 22529 6th

Avenue South, Gary Wamsley.

JANUARY 1995

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1115 reclassifying zoning (22529 6th Avenue South) from RS 8400 to RM 900A and granting a variance subject to an agreement concomitant to the rezone.
 - No. 1116 to provide for reciprocal exchange of confidential tax information between the City of Des Moines and the State of Washington.
- Approved Resolution No. 782 approving the initiation of an annexation proceeding under the ten percent petition/election method.

- Approved Resolution No. 782A authorizing the 1995 Haunted House.
- Received a gift of a handicapped accessible van from the Metropolitan King County Council.

FEBRUARY 1995

- Confirmed Mayor Kennedy's appointments to the Library Board of Earline Byers, Katherine Den, and Robert Nichols.
- Held a public hearing on building height in the Downtown Commercial (D-C) zone.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1117 providing for acquisition of land and construction of a new police station to be presented to voters of the

City at a special election on April 25, 1995 by mail ballot.

- Reviewed a five-year financial plan.
- Discussed potential amendments to the North

Central Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Approved Resolution No. 783 authorizing the 1995 Waterland Festival.

24-HOUR CRISIS LINE



Victims of sexual assault, their families and friends, can receive support and information by calling the 24-hour crisis line operated by King County Sexual Assault Resource Center. Other services for victims are also available. King County Sexual Assault Resource Center also offers professional training and consultation.

24-CRISIS LINE: 1-800-825-7273

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