

Senior-Community Center Bond Issue Election March 9

Des Moines residents will vote on March 9 in a bond issue election that would fund construction of a new Senior-Community Center.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

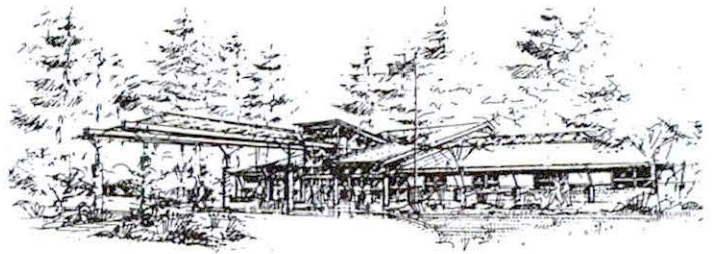
The project includes construction of a 19,900 square foot building for senior services programs and community recreation. During weekdays the primary use of the building would be to replace and enhance existing Senior Center programs. Evenings and weekends the building would be available to the public for general recreation, youth activities, community events, and facility rentals.

Building spaces include the following:

- Commercial Kitchen and Dining Room/Large Meeting Room (capacity 240)
- Adjoining Multi-Purpose Rooms (for activities and meetings)
- Computer Technology Room
- Senior Services Health Rooms and Gift Shop
- Arts and Crafts Room
- Exercise Room
- Children's Area
- Building designed with capability for future additions

LOCATION

In 1998 the City of Des Moines used Community Development Block Grant funds to purchase property at 2045 S. 216th St. for a future Senior-Community Center. The site is on a METRO bus line and is adjacent to the new U.S. Post Office on S. 216th St. It is also adjacent to property acquired by the City for a future sports park.



An artist's drawing shows the front entrance to the building.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The 1997 Des Moines Park and Recreation Master Plan identified the need for a Community/Senior Center as a number one priority for the City due to rapid population growth, lack of indoor recreation spaces to meet citizen needs, and serious flood related deterioration of the existing Senior Center. The Community/Senior Center Citizens Advisory Committee, appointed by the City Council in 1996, determined that the City has the need for a new Senior Center to replace the existing Senior Center that is temporarily located at the Des Moines Beach Park and recommended that City Council proceed with land acquisition and building construction.

COST TO TAXPAYERS

The \$4.85 million proposal would cost property owners \$.23 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation annually for 20 years. The owner of a house valued at \$150,000 would pay an additional \$34.50 in annual property taxes, or about \$3 per month. Qualified homeowners may apply for a senior exemption from the property taxes. Contact the King County Assessor for details at (206) 296-5195.

MAIL-IN ELECTION

Voting will be conducted by mail-in ballot. Registered voters in the City of Des Moines will receive their ballot in the mail after Feb. 19, when they will be sent by King County Election Department. The ballots must be returned by March 9, 1999. Ballots with a postmark later than March 9 will not be counted. The bond issue requires 60% approval for passage.

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City Job Line206-870-6593

Visit the City's web site

The City of Des Moines offers information about City government over the Internet. The City's web site offers information about elected officials, upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings and access to the Des Moines Municipal Code, as well as links to other officials, agencies and information. The address is:

www.ci.des-moines.wa.us

Dick Stites is City's "Employee of Year"

Dick Stites has been selected "Employee of the Year" by his co-workers at the City due in part to his integrity and dedication to the City of Des Moines.

Employed by the City for five years, Dick spent the first four years at the Des Moines Marina as Harbor Lead, and the past year as the City's Facilities Maintenance Specialist where he's involved with everything from "soup to nuts".

Dick, his wife, Mary, daughter Nicole, a recent graduate of Mt. Rainier High School, and son, Cory, a student at Pacific Middle School, have lived in Des Moines for eight years. Dick grew up in the Seattle

area and attended Sealth High School. Dick's mother, Mickie, is a volunteer at the Des Moines Senior Center.

When asked what he likes best about his position with the City, Dick states that it's definitely the variety; "there's never a dull moment." Work groups in eight Des Moines locations depend on Dick to keep them operational. They appreciate his cooperation and ready smile.



Dick Stites

City Hall Project Nears Completion

The City Hall remodeling/expansion project is nearing completion with interior finishing work remaining. City staff expects to be able to move into the new offices in March. Thanks to all citizens and visitors to City Hall over the past several months for their patience during construction.

A new 6,100 square foot building has been constructed on the site of the former police station and will house the Community Development Department and Legal Department. The existing City Hall buildings

have been improved with new roofs, architectural changes, and building safety upgrades. There is a new courtyard and improved handicapped access to all buildings.

City departments at the City Hall complex will have new addresses after the move is completed. The City Hall address remains 21630 11th Ave. S.; the following suite designations have been added:

Administration/Finance - Suite A
Council/Court Chambers- Suite B
Legal/Court Offices- Suite C
Community Development- Suite D

Public Hearings Set on New Zoning Map

Public hearings will be held during the Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 City Council meetings on the new zoning map that has been developed by the Community Development Department.

The new map will replace the existing zoning map which was developed in 1964 when Des Moines was a much smaller city. The new map addresses zoning inaccuracies in the former map. The new map is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan according to requirements of the State Growth

Management Act.

In some cases zoning of properties may be changed to either a more restrictive or more permissive zone. Notices of the new zoning and announcements for the public hearings have been mailed to affected property owners. The new zoning map must be approved by the City Council before it can take effect. Copies of the zoning map are available for public review at the Community Development Department, 805 S. 219th St., or at the Des Moines Library.

1999 City Budget Maintains Services

The 1999 budget, adopted by the Des Moines City Council last December, is a conservative, "hold the line" spending plan that continues to provide superior levels of service to Des Moines residents and businesses. The total budget is \$34.1 million.

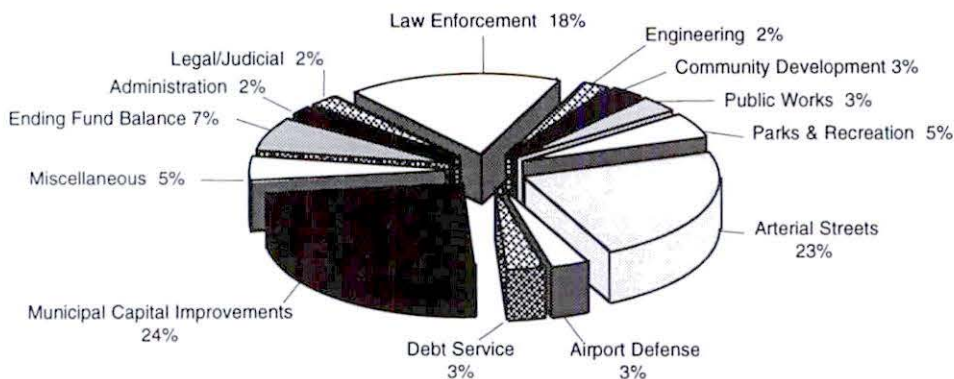
In general, the budget:

- Maintains existing basic service levels;
- Rebuilds operating fund reserves;
- Provides for an aggressive capital construction program;
- Enhances equipment and building replacement reserves;
- Meets increasing demands in criminal justice; and
- Provides significant resources toward meeting City Council strategic objectives (see right).

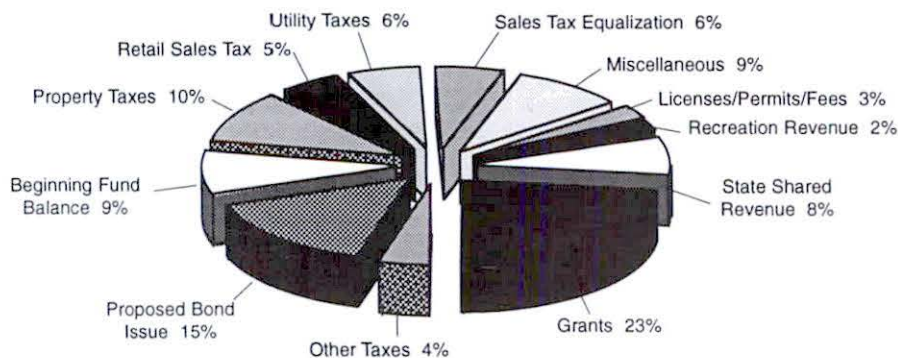
Overall budget increases from 1998 are attributable primarily to major capital projects such as Highway 99, the proposed Senior-Community Center, and the Des Moines Memorial Bridge project.

Reduced revenue, property tax collection limitations and higher expenses in criminal justice resulted in cutbacks in many areas. No new positions have been added and several vacant positions were eliminated. The net increase in the budget is about 3%, of which two-thirds, or 2%, is due to negotiated salary and benefit increases. Other increases were in the areas of law enforcement and judicial.

1999 GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES



1999 GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The 1999 City budget allocated resources according to the City Council Strategic Objectives for 1999 - 2000. The City Council Strategic Objectives are:

1. Continue the legal and political efforts to keep the third runway from being built and minimize adverse airport impacts on Des Moines.
2. Provide and maintain an effective local transportation infrastructure.
3. Expand citizen participation in City government through "Community First" initiatives.
4. Increase and develop facilities for active recreation.
5. Improve and expand community facilities including the Community-Senior Center and marina.
6. Maintain the peace and security of the community by aggressively deterring criminal activity through community-based policing, urban design and effective prosecution and court systems.
7. Continue fiscal strength by initiating long-range fiscal and economic planning.
8. Update and rewrite zoning and other land use implementation codes.
9. Preserve and enhance passive recreation venues, e.g. greenbelts, stream corridors, viewpoints, and open spaces.
10. Preserve and enhance the City's local authority and autonomy.
11. Redevelop the Highway 99 corridor including the Northeast Neighborhood utilizing comprehensive planning, zoning, crime prevention initiatives, improved transportation and economic development.
12. Expand to the full extent of the potential annexation area and establish logical boundaries with adjoining cities.

LOOKING BACK

From "One Hundred Years of the Waterland Community"

by Richard Kennedy and Grechen Schmidt

The Spanish Castle was built as a dance hall in the early 1930s by Frank Enos and Archie Bacon. It was located northwest of the intersection of Pacific Highway South and Kent-Des Moines Road.

Ballroom dancing was popular all through the 1940s and 1950s, but it hit its peak during World War II. According to M.W. Morrill, who bought the "Castle" in 1937, "we'd average two thousand people on a Saturday night in those days. . . and we even ran swing shift dances (2 - 6 a.m.) for quite a while." Morrill said they once had 3,800 people come to the Spanish Castle during the two dance shifts.

Beer and pop were sold at the Castle, and when Morrill took over, admission was 50 cents and beer was 10 cents a glass. The Spanish Castle employed 45 persons including the band, and two or three deputies were always on hand in case of trouble, according to Merril.

Trouble was infrequent at the Spanish Castle during the popularity of adult ballroom dancing. The Castle had such a good reputation that Morrill recalled one woman referring to the Castle as "a place a lady can go without an escort."

The Castle featured Frankie Roth and his Spanish Castle band from the early 1930s until 1942. The Gordon Greene Band performed at the Castle for the next 20 years. The Spanish Castle fell victim to a relentless bulldozer the week of April 7, 1968, marking the end of an era in ballroom dancing. The old landmark was replaced by an office building. The Spanish Castle is gone but nearly everyone in the Des Moines, Kent, Highline area has some memory or other of the Spanish Castle. As Morrill pointed out, "I'd like to know how many couples there are in Seattle that met at the Spanish Castle."



The Spanish Castle in the early 1930s with the Blockhouse Restaurant at far right..

Community Open House and Complimentary Dinner

Please join your friends and neighbors at the third annual Des Moines Community Open House and Business Showcase on Thursday, March 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. Learn about your community, win door prizes, and visit over 50 booths with information about local businesses, local government and many community organizations. Bring the family; everyone will be fed a free pasta dinner and there will be entertainment for the kids.

The open house will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 22975 - 24th Ave. S., and is sponsored in part by Puget Sound Energy and The Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. For more information please contact the Chamber at (206) 878-7000.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Travel with Des Moines Senior Center in 1999!

Des Moines Senior Center has great travel adventures planned in 1999 and the prices are just right! Join the fun in June for a nine-day cruise on the Duoro River from Oporto, Portugal to Spain. Be the first to cruise on this new 40-passenger cruiser.

On October 4, a group will depart for 8 days in New England for the Fall Foliage tour. They will visit Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Boston, Plymouth Rock, Kennebunkport, the Norman Rockwell Museum and more in this 5-state tour.

For the New Year's Millennium seniors will celebrate in style for 5 days in Branson, Missouri! Departing December 29, a group will visit this entertainment capital in all its holiday splendor. They will see special New Year's shows, feast at New Year's Eve dinner party and enjoy a New Year's Day brunch. Hurry, this trip will fill up fast! Please call Des Moines Senior Center, (206) 878-1642 for more details.

Volunteer Drivers Needed for Senior Day Trips

Do you enjoy driving and escorting day trips? Des Moines Senior Center is looking for more drivers for its growing senior day-trip program. Trips are carefully planned. All drivers have to do is act as an "escort" and drive a 10 passenger city van. All trip "escort" expenses are covered. For more information or to complete a volunteer driver application, please call Sue Padden, Des Moines Senior Center, (206) 878-1642.

CITY JOB LINE: The City of Des Moines has a Job Line phone number for persons seeking information about available positions with the City. Please call: 206-870-6593.

POLICE DEPT.

Citizens Invited to Participate in Emergency Preparedness Program

In the City's continued efforts to place the needs of the community and citizens of Des Moines first, the Des Moines Police Department, in conjunction with King County Fire District 26, has chosen 1999 as the Year of Community Preparedness.

"Emergency Preparedness 1999" is a combined effort of the Police Department, Fire Department and other related departments designed to teach the citizens of Des Moines how to protect themselves and plan ahead for emergencies. This year-long program will prepare individuals and neighborhoods to hold their own for the first 72 hours following an emergency.

The program consists of quarterly classes teaching the basics for getting your home, family and neighborhood prepared. The classes will also help residents design a contingency plan should an emergency actually happen in their neighborhood. The program will conclude by each neighborhood participating in a mock city-wide emergency.

"Emergency Preparedness 1999" will require a firm commitment from each participant. Participants must be at least 16 years old, reside in the City of Des Moines and attend all of the quarterly meetings. This is a trial program and space is limited to 60 participants.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Service Officer Tonya Seaberry at (206) 870-7619.



Calling All Jurors!



As a resident of the City of Des Moines, you have been or may soon be invited to serve as a juror in the City's Municipal Court. Jury service is one of the few civic duties all citizens must accept in order to preserve and promote our judicial system. Des Moines Municipal Court processes misdemeanor cases for criminal offenses and civil infractions occurring in the City. These cases include drunk driving offenses, domestic violence assaults, shoplifting, some building safety violations, various traffic matters and other crimes against persons and property. Jurors are selected from a list of registered voters and licensed drivers who live within City limits. Municipal Court juries consist of six persons who are selected after questioning from defense attorneys, prosecutors and/or the judge.

One of the basic principles established in our Constitution is the right to a criminal trial by a jury of one's peers. If citizens fail to appear when called for jury duty, our system of justice suffers. Recently, the City has experienced a problem with "no-shows" after notifying people of their need to appear for service on a jury pool. When this happens, defendants may face juries that are not

peers. After all, if everyone who claimed to be "too busy because of work" never appeared for jury service, the retired, unemployed, and/or independently wealthy might be the only people to serve on juries. And, victims of crime may see a suspect walk free without first having a day in court. Why? Because if the City is unable to call enough citizens to sit for jury duty, a mistrial can result and all charges against a defendant can be dismissed. Such results do a disservice to the safety and well-being of our community.

Washington residents should be aware of two state statutes pertaining to jury service. First, a person summoned for jury service who intentionally fails to appear as directed by the Court is guilty of a misdemeanor. Second, jobs belonging to persons called for jury service may not be placed in jeopardy by jurors' employers. State law expressly provides that an employer may not take any adverse action against an employee for responding to jury duty.

The Des Moines Municipal Court appreciates the sacrifice and commitment to public service shown by citizens when they participate as a juror.

Traffic Delays on Kent-Des Moines Rd.

The Highline Water District in January began replacing 4,300 feet of water main along Kent-Des Moines Road from 20th Avenue South to Pacific Highway South. The work is scheduled for completion by April when the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will begin overlay work on Kent-Des Moines Road.

The WSDOT project will include resurfacing Kent-Des Moines Road and adjusting or replacing portions of the guard rail from 8th Avenue South to Pacific Highway South. The overlay project is tentatively scheduled to last about 30 days. Motorists can expect delays on Kent-Des Moines Road as these two projects are conducted. Traffic at times will be limited to one lane. Motorists are advised to take alternate routes.

These projects are being funded by the Highline Water District and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Please contact Highline Water District Planning & Construction Manager Keith Harris at (206) 824-0375, Extension 142, for further information on the water main replacement project.

City Conducts Projects to "Calm Traffic"

The South 272nd Street and 12th Avenue South traffic-calming project was completed in November by the City's Public Works maintenance staff. The project was designed by Public Works engineering staff. The project implemented significant traffic safety improvements at the intersection of South 272nd Street and 12th Avenue South. To date, the project has received a very positive response from nearby residents.

Construction on the other traffic-calming project on 20th Avenue South started on November 17. The Public Works Engineering staff also designed this project. The project improvements include the construction of a traffic circle at the intersec-

tion of South 244th Place and 20th Avenue South, a raised crosswalk on 20th Avenue South at South 246th Place, and channelization and signage improvements.

In December, the contractor completed the traffic circle and raised sidewalk. The rest of the work, including stripping and permanent signing, was expected to be done by the end of January 1999.

The completion of this project will mark the end of the first year of implementation for the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program. The implementation process included writing program procedures and criteria, both of which were reviewed and approved by the City Council. Also, the actual traffic control



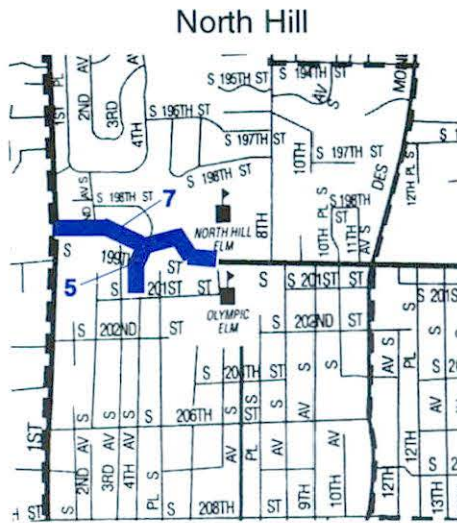
A traffic circle was constructed at the intersection of South 244th Street and 20th Avenue South.

devices, such as traffic circle, raised crosswalk, and speed hump, were reviewed and approved by the City Council and adopted into the Street Development Standards. To date, the Traffic Calming Program has received a considerable amount of interest from citizens concerned about speeding and traffic volumes on residential streets in their neighborhoods.

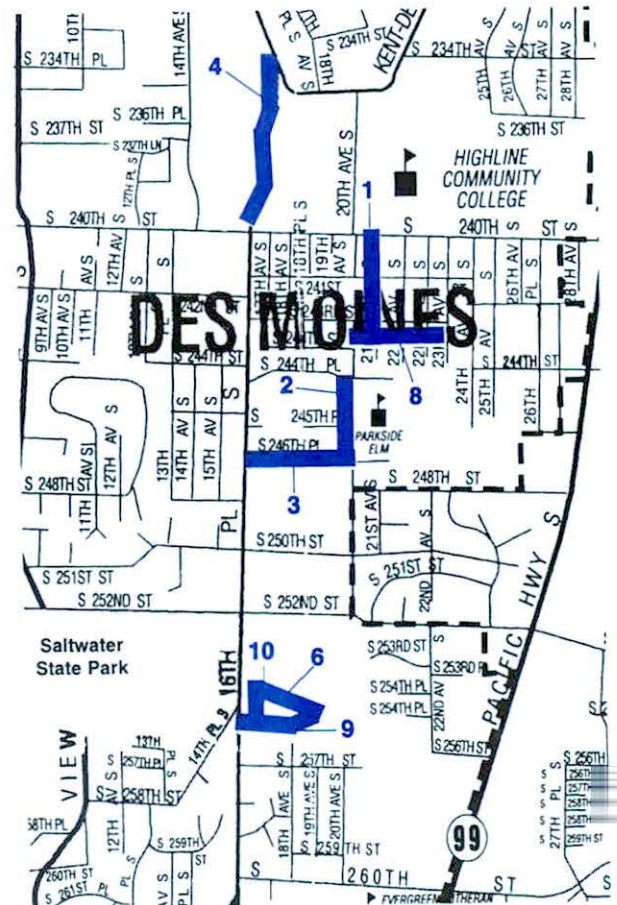
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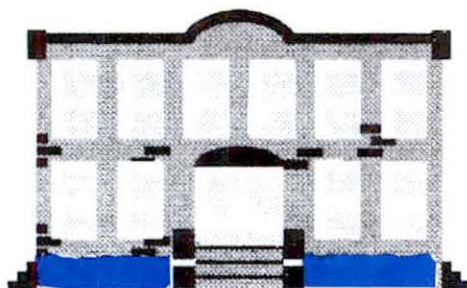
The streets listed below have been scheduled to receive 2-inch asphalt overlays in 1999. Work on these roads is scheduled to begin in late May and continue through summer.

1. 21st Ave. S. from S. 240th St. to S. 243rd St.
2. 20th Ave. S. from S. 244th Pl. to S. 246th Pl.
3. S. 246th Pl. from 16th Ave. S. to 20th Ave. S.
4. 16th Ave. S. from Kent-Des Moines Rd. S. to S. 240th St.
5. 4th Ave. S. from S. 199th St. to S. 201st St.
6. 16th Pl. S. from S. 254th Pl. to S. 255th Pl.
7. S. 199th St. from 1st Ave. S. to 5th Ave. S.
8. S. 243rd St. from 20th Ave. S. to 23rd Ave. S.
9. S. 255th Pl. from 16th Ave. S. to S. 254th Pl.
10. S. 254th Pl. from 16th Pl. S. to East Dead End.



Highline College Area





Des Moines University

Classes are free
and are held from
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the
Council Chambers.

1999 Spring Quarter



March 3 - So You Want to Do-It-Yourself?

Many homeowners fashion themselves as do-it-yourselfers. What does it take to **really** manage or construct a home improvement project on your own? This session will provide information on what you really need to know to construct a simple to moderately difficult home-improvement project. How to design it, what to look for in materials, and the required permits. Come learn from the experience of past do-it-yourselfers.



April 7 - Water Smart Gardening and Landscaping

With spring in the air, City staff will offer creative ideas on designing a garden with minimum water requirements. Learn about water tolerant plants, how to make the most of your water, and how to put the right plant in the right place for gardening success.



May 5 - Where Do I Plug *That* In?

DVD, HD TV, RAM—What do these mean and how can you be a smart consumer? This session will focus on what to look for in home theater and the latest in personal computers. How to get your home technology ready for the new millennium. How to be prepared *before* you walk in the store.



Please Register Me For the Following Classes



- March 3 - So You Want to Do-It-Yourself? April 7 - Water Smart Gardening & Landscaping
- May 5 - Where Do I Plug *That* In?

Name

Telephone Number

Address

City, State and Zip Code

*Please join us - even if you participated in these classes last year!
We will be sharing new ideas on these important topics.*

Please mail or return this form to : Community Development, Attn. DMU
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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following ordinances:

- Ord. 1220A establishing 1999 Surface Water Management Rates.
- Ord. 1221 adopting the 1999 Budget.
- Ord. 1222 establishing a credit line for the Airport Defense Fund.
- Ord. 1223 determining and fixing the amount of funds to be raised by property taxes for the year 1999 for general City expenditures.
- Ord. 1224 noting a substantial need to increase the property tax levy for 1999 by an amount in excess of the "limit factor" imposed by Referendum 47, and expressly preserving the authority of any future City Council to consider adjustments to the City's property tax levy to the full extent permitted by law.

• Ord. 1225 adding cats to existing animal control.

Approved the following resolutions:

- Res. 854 adopting the 1999-2004 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Res. 855 setting annual dog and cat license fees.
- Res. 856 setting bond issue for March 9, 1999 for the Senior/Community Center.

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Amendment to the Local Options Boat Tax and Vessel Registration Fees Agreement with King County to terminate such agreement.
- Interlocal Agreement between King County and the City of Des Moines for provision of services by the King County Road Services Division.

• Public Works Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement.

- Interlocal Agreement with the Washington Department of Corrections for the Offender Community Service Work Crew Program.
- Interlocal Agreement with King County for the transfer of the 16th Avenue South Project funds.

Will consider and approve a resolution supporting state funding for "Option C" as the SR 509/South Access Project provided the SR 509 South Access Executive Committee adopts the following conditions and mitigation measures:

- An expressway south access connection to the airport funded by the Port;
- Wetland mitigation mea-

asures that are in the same drainage basin where project related impacts occur;

- Adequate funding to mitigate impacts associated with ramps at South 200th Street and the 24th/28th corridor, including off-site mitigation where appropriate and acceptable to the City of Des Moines.

Held the following public hearings:

- The 1998 Comprehensive Plan amendments.
- Regulating itinerant and mobile vendors.

General Action:

- Began review of the "Pacific Ridge" Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Approved purchase of the "Diocese of Olympia" property for \$153,875.70.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11

Public Hearing before City Council on Zoning Map Changes - Single Family

February 25

Public Hearing before City Council on Zoning Map Changes- Multi-Family and Commercial

March 9

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