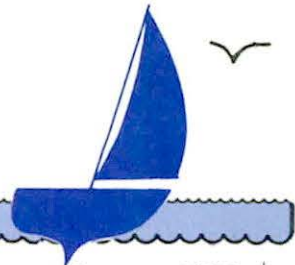


CITY CURRENTS



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City opposes third runway at Sea-Tac

City of Des Moines officials are continuing their opposition to a proposed third runway at Sea-Tac International Airport.

City Councilmember Richard Kennedy, a member of a regional committee studying future airport options, voted against the proposal to expand Sea-Tac.



Kennedy explained that the proposed runway would create

a new aircraft corridor, directly over 12th Avenue South in Des Moines.

"This would severely impact our entire city," said Kennedy. "The city's position is that we're absolutely opposed to any increase of runway capacity at the airport."

The Puget Sound Air Transportation Committee on Dec. 4 adopted a proposal to add a runway at Sea-Tac before 2000 and develop other airports in Snohomish and Pierce counties.

The proposal, which is a recommendation to the Port of Seattle and the Puget Sound Regional Council, will be the subject of an environmental impact statement and public hearings this winter.

The Seattle Port Commission is expected to vote on the runway proposal this year. Dates and locations of the hearings will be publicized by local media.

'92 budget maintains level of services

City residents can expect the same level of municipal services this new year as in 1991 under the 1992 budget adopted by the City Council last November.

The \$11.3 million budget increased 6 percent over the 1991 budget, essentially the annual rate of inflation for this region. The budget contains no funds for large financial expenditures beyond cost of living increases.

Due to conservative financial management, the city remains in excellent financial health despite the region's slow economy.

"We don't depend largely on the sales tax so we don't feel downturns in the economy as much," said Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager.

Law enforcement is one area where residents will see significant improvement in 1992. Six additional police officers are being added to the police force.

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The City Council in November approved a 2 percent utility tax to pay for the additional officers. Effective this month, the tax will show up on residents' bills for power, gas, telephone, cable television and garbage.

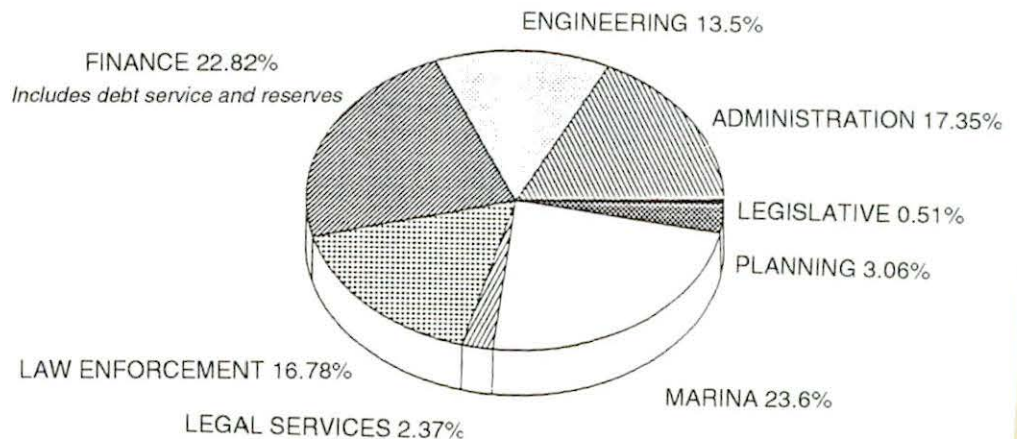
According to Police Chief Martin Pratt, public and officer safety were the primary concerns over the lack of manpower. The additional officers will make possible a minimum of two-man patrol shifts, 24 hours a day.

"With the type of crimes going on, this is absolutely necessary," said Pratt, referring to the increasing number of incidents involving firearms.

The extra officers will provide manpower for increased traffic enforcement, crime investigations and crime prevention.

CITY OF DES MOINES

1992 Disbursement by function



DES MOINES DIRECTORY

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. So., 878-4595
 Business Hours: Monday - Friday
 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City Council - 878-4595

Frank Jovanovich, Mayor
 Bob Wray, Mayor Pro Tem
 Lew Anderson
 Audrey Bowers
 Richard Kennedy
 Scott Thomasson
 Don Wasson

Administration - 878-4595

Greg Prothman, City Manager
 Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager
 James Gorham, City Attorney
 Betty Hayes, Finance Director
 Denis Staab, City Clerk

Planning/Engineering/Parks/Public Works - 878-8626

Eric Shields, Planning Director
 Dale Schroeder, City Engineer
 Jim Sempek, Building Official
 Frank Olson, Supt. of Public Works
 Jon Jainga, Parks Supervisor

Police Department

878-3301 Business - 911 Emergency
 Martin Pratt, Chief

Fire District No. 26

878-2210 Business - 911 Emergency
 Bob Arnold, Chief

Des Moines Senior Center - 878-1642

Karen Marshall, Supervisor

Des Moines Marina - 824-5700

Jesse Cadena, Harbormaster

Des Moines Library - 824-6066

Mike McNamara, Librarian

■ King County's Wastemobile will be at Valley Ridge County Park on Jan. 9, 10 and 11. Noon to 7 p.m., Thurs., Fri.; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. Bring your toxic wastes for safe disposal. No charge. Park is next to Tyee High School on S. 188th, west of I-5.

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Employee of Quarter: Bev Stockman

Court administrator Bev Stockman has been selected the city's Employee of the Quarter.

She was chosen for the honor for best demonstrating the city's "Sails with Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."

Betty Hayes, Finance Director and Stockman's supervisor, said Stockman has a lot of pride in her work, high integrity, is always pleasant, and serves the public well under mostly adverse conditions.

As court administrator and clerk, Stockman receives payment of fines for traffic violations and other offenses.



Bev Stockman

She has worked for the city for 24 years, starting as a police clerk. "I've enjoyed my job," she said. "It's been an experience I never dreamed I'd have."

City acquires land for neighborhood park

The City of Des Moines has acquired property for a new neighborhood park to be developed next summer.

The 1-1/2 acre parcel is next to a Puget Power substation, on South 221st Street east of Pacific Highway South.

The \$350,000 property was pur-

chased with funds from King County Open Space Bonds and Conservation Futures.

The property will be landscaped and have picnic tables, a play area for children and basketball court. It will serve a neighborhood of high-density apartment complexes and mobile homes.

Curbside recycling set to begin this spring

Curbside recycling tentatively is set to get under way in the city this March.

The City Council this month is expected to approve a franchise agreement with a garbage hauler for the recycling service.

Negotiations delayed a projected January start of curbside recycling.

The program will include curbside pickup of such recyclables as glass, paper, tin, aluminum and yard waste.

PROJECT UPDATE

- Repaving of the marina parking lot was ready and waiting for a dry spell last month. Landscaping has been completed.
- Work began Dec. 4 on the remodeling and expansion of the marina's office and shop facilities. Completion is set for April.
- Construction is under way on a 200-foot seawall at the north end of Des Moines Beach Park. The 10-foot high retaining wall will slow erosion of the bank.
- A new stairway, retaining wall and landing deck is being built at the west end of South 239th Street where it meets Puget Sound.

Citizens group studying downtown development needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve on a citizens committee being formed to study the future development of the downtown area.

The City Council has made the neighborhood plan for the downtown area a priority for 1992.

The downtown area is defined as 8th Avenue South west to Puget Sound, and from Kent-Des Moines Road north to South 216th Street.

The area contains a mix of commercial and residential uses.

The committee will meet weekly or bimonthly for two to three months starting in March.

The group will study and recommend to the City Council zoning regulations and other development criteria for the defined downtown area.

Citizens interested in serving on the committee should contact the Des Moines Planning Department at 878-8626.

Planning Agency accepting applications for vacant position

Applications are now being accepted for a position on the City of Des Moines Planning Agency.

The Planning Agency, also known as the Planning Commission, is a seven-member advisory group appointed by the City Council.

The Agency reviews planning issues including rezone proposals and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and makes recommendations to the City Council.

Meetings are the first Monday of the month. The open position is for a four-year term.

Applicants should have some experience in land-use planning, or at least an interest in related matters.

For more information or to apply, contact City Hall.



From left, Betty Hayes, Janet Mackey, Gloria Murdock, Mike Bailey and Cathy Roppo.

Finance Dept. manages public's tax dollars

Hard at work at City Hall administering the use of public funds is the city's Finance Department.

The five-member staff is responsible for the city's payroll for 94 part-time and full-time employees, accounts payable, and revenues from the city marina and surface-water utility.

Further, the department must prepare and manage the city budget, as well as report city financial matters to the state.

The department is headed by Finance Director Betty Hayes who started work with the city in 1968 as a part-time city treasurer.

Hayes said the most demanding

part of the job is getting the budget prepared and reporting to the state. She said one of the department's greatest achievements over the years was the transition from doing everything manually, using pencil and paper, to the sophisticated computerized accounting system being used today.

"It was really satisfying to make that transition," she said.

Other Finance Department employees include Mike Bailey, city accountant; Gloria Murdock, deputy city treasurer; Janet Mackey, accounting clerk; and Cathy Roppo, accounting clerk.

'Value engineering' cuts costs of road project

Nearly \$600,000 has been cut from the total cost of the downtown road improvement project through a process called "value engineering."

City Engineer Dale Schroeder explained that estimates for the construction work were higher than what the city had budgeted, so officials looked for ways to cut costs.

A "value committee" of engineers from other area governmental agencies studied the Des Moines project in detail, and came

up with 30 ideas to cut costs. Some of those options were adopted for the project.

One \$200,000 to \$300,000 reduction came from terracing sidewalks and roadway on Marine View Drive, instead of building retaining walls on the east side, and filling on the west.

The overall cuts brought the total costs of the project closer to budgetary projections.

Construction on the \$5.5 million project is expected to get under way this spring.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Frank Jovanovich
Mayor



Bob Wray
Mayor Pro Tem



Audrey Bowers
Council member



Richard Kennedy
Council member



Scott Thomasson
Council member



Don Wasson
Council member

Council member
Lew Anderson
not pictured

SEPTEMBER 1991

- Began review of City's Capital Improvement Plan.
- Passed ordinance adopting a criminal offense of failure of any operator of a vessel to willingly fail to stop when requested or signaled to do so by a person reasonably identifiable as a law enforcement officer.
- Passed ordinance establishing an abatement period for nonconforming uses; towit; adult motion picture theaters and adult entertainment facilities in the CG zone.
- Awarded bid for Des

Moines Beach Park Shore Protection Project.

- Continued review and discussion of various elements to update the Comprehensive Plan.

OCTOBER 1991

- Passed ordinance establishing procedures and guidelines regulating the use of character generator on City of Des Moines cable television access channel.
- Passed ordinance approving the Land Use Element to the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Passed resolution adopting general policies for the

City's Surface Water Management Capital Improvement Program.

- Passed resolution opposing location or siting of a state work-release center in the City and the City's planning areas.

- Passed resolution to join the Puget Sound Regional Council.

- Approved ground lease with the Washington State Department of Transportation of a City Public Works temporary storage yard.

- Awarded bid for the North Marina Parking Lot Project.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with the High-

line School District for construction of a sidewalk on 24th Avenue South.

- Reviewed and discussed 1992 proposed budget.

NOVEMBER 1991

- Held public hearing for revisions to the City's subdivision code.

- Awarded bid for construction of a Marina office/shop (Harbormaster Facility).

- Passed ordinance creating a Computer and Office Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Reserve Fund.

- Passed ordinance adopting the City's 1992 budget.

- Passed ordinance instituting a 2 percent utility tax, dedicated to law enforcement.

- Passed a resolution adopting revisions to the Downtown Transportation Project.

LICENSES DUE

- Business licenses were due Jan. 1. Renew by Feb. 15 to avoid late penalty.
 - Dog licenses were due Jan. 1. Renew by Feb. 29 to avoid late penalty.
- Contact City Clerk for fee amounts, 878-4595.

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