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CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

The Des Moines City Council welcomed four new members to its ranks in January. The four won their Council positions in last November's general election.

Here is a little about each new Council member:

TERRY BRAZIL

Brazil, elected to position No.5, is a resident of the newly annexed North Hill area. A computer graphics specialist for Boeing, he has lived in the Highline area for 23 years. This is his first experience in lic office.

Brazil says he would like to see a "more congenial" City Council that works together and improves the quality of life for City residents.

"We need to listen to what people say; I'll encourage them to speak out," he says.

Brazil adds the City must continue its efforts against the expansion at Sea-Tac Airport, and be proactive in finding a solution and options to the third runway.

DAN SHERMAN

Sherman, a resident of Des Moines since 1975, was elected to position No. 4 on the Council. He is a psychiatrist at Providence Medical Center in Seattle and lives near the downtown area of Des Moines. This is also his first time in elected office, although he has served on the City's Planning Agency for four years.

He said he is also firmly against the third runway at Sea-Tac and supports the preservation of single family neighborhoods. Also, he wants the parks and creation program preserved and expanded with more playfields.

"I'm looking forward to serving on the







Dan Sherman



Gary Towe



Jeanette Burrage

Council," Sherman said. "I think we have a good Council and we should make for a good city government."

GARY TOWE

Towe was elected to position No. 1. He is a 25-year resident of Des Moines and a graduate of Mt. Rainier High School. He lives in the south end of the City near Saltwater State Park and works as a planner for Boeing. This also is his first time in elected office.

Towe has been active in civic affairs, serving on the City's Human Services Committee, the Police Department's Citizens Advisory Board and the local Chamber of Commerce.

He said he supports an open, accessible City Council and wants to create a climate in the City in which businesses can thrive. He said he would like to see more opportunities for young people in the community, such as participation in government and business. Also, he believes the parks and recreation department should continue to grow.

Towe said he strongly supports the City's stance against the third runway.

JEANETTE BURRAGE

Burrage, elected to position No. 3, is a longtime resident of the Highline area,

having graduated from Highline High School in 1970. She is a resident of a portion of North Hill that was annexed to the City two years ago.

Burrage served two years in the state Legislature in the early 1980s representing the 31st District. An attorney, she is Executive Director of the Northwest Legal Foundation.

She vows to work to protect individual property rights as the City complies with the requirements of the state Growth Management Act.

"I want to educate and convince other City Council members to stand up for property rights," she said. Further, she will work to keep taxes as low as possible.

Burrage said she would like to see more sidewalks built along arterials in the City, and she supports the City's position against the third runway.

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Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

POLICE BIKE PATROL HITS THE STREETS

The Des Moines
Police Department has
taken to the streets in a
different way this year -on bike.

After a trial run in the fall, the police department bike patrol is covering the City on two-wheels instead of four, at stop lights pulling over unsuspect-

ing motorists who have violated a traffic law, sneaking up on drug users in dark alleys and perhaps most importantly, talking to kids at schools, citizens on the streets and merchants downtown.

"This gives us personal contact with people and kids, something you don't get riding around in a patrol car," said Assistant Chief Don Obermiller. "It builds public relations and public contacts."

The bicycle officers can do just about anything in enforcing laws, and often more, than officers in patrol cars. The bike officers may not be able to conduct a high-speed chase, but they can easily radio for a patrol car for assistance. Bike patrols, though, can chase down crime suspects fleeing on foot, which is difficult for car units.

Better yet, bike officers can quietly



Bike patrol officers, from left, are Tim McClung, Jon Moore, Mark Tindol and Bob Crane.

approach persons committing crimes, while patrol cars are easily noticed.

"One night behind a local business we snuck up on some individuals doing cocaine in a car. They opened the door and took off running, but we were able to get them," said bike patrol officer Bob Crane.

The bike patrols don't spend all of their time in business districts. They also regularly patrol areas in and around hig density apartment complexes and they visit areas near schools when school is in session, sometimes stopping to have lunch with the kids.

The bike patrol officially began in January. The four bike officers – Tim McClung, Jon Moore, Mark Tindol and Bob Crane – attended three days of intensive training at a bicycle-police training academy on Whidbey Island.

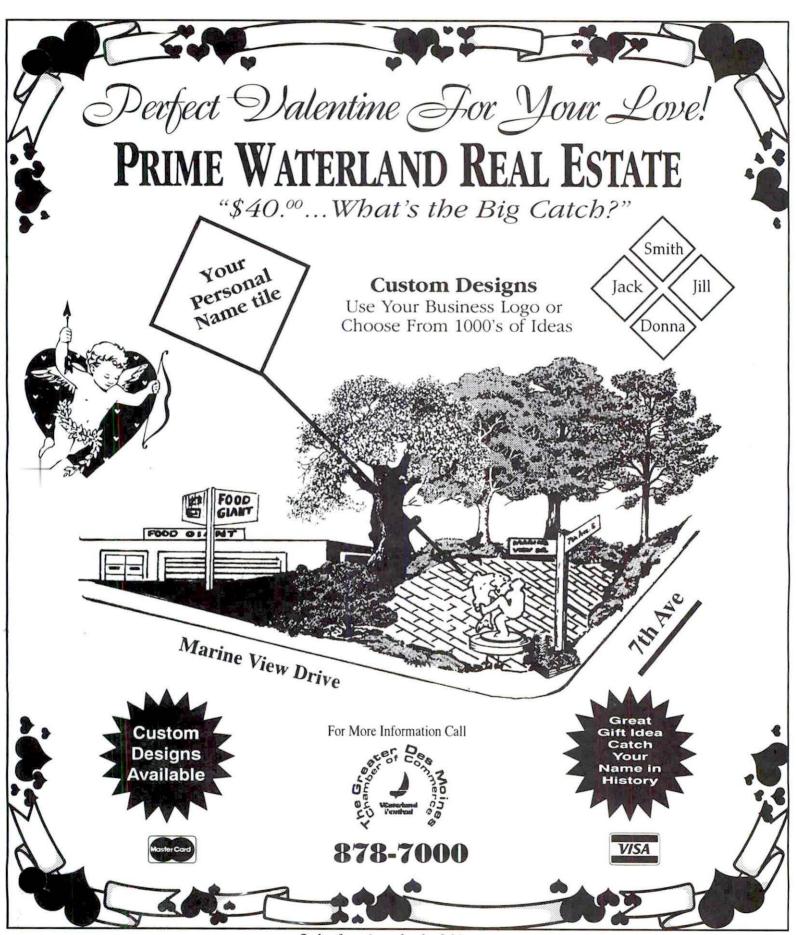
POLICE DEPT. PASSES ACCREDITATION PROCESS

The Des Moines Police Department has successfully passed a state accreditation process. Des Moines was the 30th police agency in the state to be accredited.

The accreditation program was set up in 1988 by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to professionalize and upgrade agencies throughout the state through the creation of statewide law enforcement standards.

The 250 standards cover such areas as the use of force, use of firearms, pursuit policies, grievance procedures, equal opportunity employment and other areas pertinent to the operation of a police agency. Last November a team of outside police authorities spent two days in Des Moines inspecting department facilities, reviewing procedures and policies, and talking to police personnel. Later, Des Moines police officials went through an interview session with a review committee in Olympia.

The fact that Des Moines easily passed this accrediation review in its first attempt is not as important as what took place during the two years the department prepared for it, said Lieutenant Mitch Barker. "The process to get there is more important, the changes and upgrading we made in the department to meet the standards," he said.



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NEW MASSEY CREEK CROSSING EXPECTED TO RELIEVE FLOODING

ompletion of the Massey Creek Crossing will decrease the extent of flooding experienced in the area. The new bridge crossing has about three times the flood water carrying capacity of the box culvert which it has replaced.

The crossing is a "bridge" with a natural bottom of alluvial gravels. This type of material is better for fish passage and fish habitat than the concrete bottom in the old box culvert. The new facility costs about \$250,000 and was financed through the surface water utility.

Enhancements to the streambed in the immediate area will also be done with the improvement. Massey Creek may not achieve the natural status it had before the Des Moines area was developed, but when all work is completed, Massey Creek should look and function like a stream.

Another facet of the program is an increased awareness of the effects of urban pollution. Starting in 1994, the city will establish a stream monitoring program, which has received approval from the Washington State Ecology Department. Seventeen (17) monitoring sites will be established and water samples will be taken four times per year at each site. If pollution levels exceed acceptable thresholds, the city will identify and take corrective action at the pollutant source.

RATES INCREASED 3% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

The Des Moines City Council has increased Storm Water Management rates by 3 percent, effective Jan. 1.

Single family residences will see their rates increase from \$4.90 to \$5.00 per month.

Commercial establishments and multi-family residences will incur similar rate increases.

The rate increases were tied to inflation and the cost of doing business.

HOMEOWNERS CAN GET DRAINAGEHELP

This year the surface water division installed 4,000 feet of drainage pipe at homeowner request. Homeowners interested in filling in the ditches adjacent to their property can have the work done, if they pay for the cost of the materials only. The labor cost is free of charge, part of the program.

Over the years this program has been very successful, with many property owners electing to have the work done. If you are interested in more information please contact Wayne Matthews at 870-6567.

WHERE ARE ALL THE SWM FEES GOING?

n 1991 the City of Des Moines passed a surface water utility fee. While city councils don't like to assess new fees and citizens certainly don't want to pay more, the utility was seen as necessary to fund better upkeep of the surface water system.

Des Moines has 1,500 catch basins, 30 miles of drainage pipe, 10 miles of open ditches, five miles of open streams and 35 detention systems. Such a large system needs attention to keep functioning properly. Better than 40% of the funds collected yearly go toward maintaining the system. (see graphic below.)

In addition to maintenance, the surface water fee also funds capital expenditures to improve the system.

The new crossing of Massey Creek was funded through the surface water program. Other improvements funded this year include a new outfall at the marina, a stormwater bypass pipeline in the Pinebrook area and a new drainage line on South 224th Street.

The final expense goes toward administration: including billing, newsletters and planning for future system improvements.

Surface Water Yearly Expenses \$680,000

Capital Projects
32.4%

Maintenance
44.1%

Administration
11.8%

Water Quality 11.8%

WASTEMOBILE COMING

The King County Wastemobile will be in South King County in January, February and March to collect hazardous household wastes from area residents.

The service is offered free of charge to residents of King County. For information call the City Recycling Coordinator at 870-6565.

The Wastemobile operates from noon to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Wastemobile schedule follows:

FEDERAL WAY:

Feb. 17, 18, 19 &
Feb. 24, 25, 26 at
SeaTac Mall
(Sears parking lot at west
end of mall).

BURIEN: March 17, 18, 19 & March 24, 25, 26 at XL Sooper Foods, intersection of Ambaum and SW 128th St.

Third runway a costly, short-term solution

By Richard Kennedy, Stuart Creighton, Steven Lawrence and Arun Jhaveri

he state of Washington requires a major new supplemental airport to stay competitive, nationally and internationally, into the 21st century.

Last week's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference in Seattle dramatically illustrates the trade and economic opportunities inherent for our region in Pacific Rim trade. The economic value of trade between the United States and the Pacific Rim countries already exceeds \$300 billion, which is greater than total U.S. trade with Europe. The Washington Council on International Trade indicates that in 1992, APEC countries accounted for 92 percent of all Washington imports and 70.7 percent of all state exports. State prospects for successful competition for a significant portion of that trade and the jobs it creates are severely diminished by the limited apability of Sea-Tac International Airport ⇒ expand.

Seattle will be in air transportation competition with the new 53 square-mile airport near Denver. In addition, San Francisco has proposed a \$2 billion expansion for San Francisco International and Vancouver, B.C., has undertaken an ambitious multimillion-dollar expansion program for its international airport.

The Port of Seattle has only 2,500 acres in land area at Sea-Tac, which is smaller than each of the 100 largest U.S. airports. Port and FAA calculations indicate that the increased capacity provided by a third runway at Sea-Tac in the year 2001 could be inadequate as early as 2010, allowing as few as nine years of added capacity. The simple fact is Sea-Tac never will be large enough to provide the air transport capacity our state needs in the next century. Even an expanded Sea-Tac will not be adequate to provide Washington state with a strong competitive relationship relative to other Western states.

The proposed third runway expansion of Sea-Tac amounts to an ill-advised, short-term half billion-dollar Band-Aid solution. Not only is the Band-Aid



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incredibly expensive, it also devastates highly dense urban-suburban communities and detours our state from finding real solutions to air-capacity congestion. The time and money wasted on a third runway would be more productively used in developing a major supplemental airport in Western Washington connected to Seattle by the higher-speed rail corridor envisioned by the state and federal government.

f we build a third runway at Sea-Tac it is guaranteed that there will be no incentive to develop a major supplemental airport until we once again approach saturation in regional air capacity. But by then we will have wasted up to \$500 million and land for a new airport will even be more difficult to acquire. Sites that now exist in Pierce, Thurston, Lewis or Snohomish counties will be too developed to be usable.

Proponents of a third runway cite economic development and jobs as a major reason to expand Sea-Tac. However, a major supplemental airport would create more construction jobs, provide more direct and indirect employment and position our state, including Eastern Washington, to compete more effectively for national and international trade we need for the region. However, it is not the answer to our 21st century requirements.

We bridge the gap by imposing reasonable demand management measures. By filling up all those half-full flights, utilizing higher-speed rail and diverting nonconnecting Seattle commuter traffic to other nonurban airfields, we can easily buy another 10 years of air capacity. Acting now will allow ample time to locate a supplemental airport and, in the process, save \$500 million of unnecessary and financially ill-advised expenditures for expanding Sea-Tac. We must expand our vision of the possible options to guarantee our future. The state of Washington must take an active leadership role in siting and developing a "statewide" 21st century airport. We can no longer rely solely on the Port of Seattle to meet our statewide economic development goals. The Airport Communities Coalition, consisting of the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila and Normandy Park, have pledged to protect our communities as well as responsibly advocate statewide solutions for air capacity needs. Citizens need to contact their local and state elected officials now to advocate long-range rather than short-term, Band-Aid solutions.

This article first appeared as a guest opinion in the Seattle Post Intelligencer on Nov. 24, 1993. Richard Kennedy is mayor of Des Moines. Stuart Creighton is former mayor of Normandy Park. Steven Lawrence is the former president of the Tukwila City Council. Arun Jhaveri is the mayor of Burien.



GOING TO VOTERS

A measure to annex the City of Des Moines to the King County Rural Library District will be decided by City voters in an election to be held April 5. The City Council, at its Jan. 13 meeting, approved the measure for the April ballot.

The City is facing increased costs in its contract with King County over operating the library and the Council decided annexation to the Library District offers the best solution.

Without the annexation, the City must come up with an additional \$115,218 to cover the library contract with the County for 1995. The funds would have to come from budget cuts, reserve funds or a revenue increase.

The annexation shifts the obligation to provide library services from the City's general fund to the Library District. There would be no change in library services currently enjoyed by patrons.

If approved, the annexation would result in higher property taxes. The City ould roll back property taxes 30 cents er \$1,000), the amount that taxpayers now pay to the library through an annual service contract. The Library District would begin assessing its estimated rate of 43 cents (per \$1,000 of assessed value) in 1995.

Voters in several King County cities including Burien, SeaTac, Normandy Park and Federal Way have opted to annex to the Library District.

The measure only requires a simple majority vote at the polls with no validation requirement.

HISTORICAL ORNAMENTS

The historical Des Moines ornament is the first in a series to commemorate historical landmarks throughout the city. Each ornament is limited to a distribution of 800.

The 1993 ornament depicts the Masonic Home of Washington. The 1993 Collector's ornament was designed and manufactured exclusively for sale by the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Comerce. For more information about the unament, or if you wish to purchase one to start a collection, call the Chamber at 878-7000.

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR





Lynn Young

Mike Bailey

TWO CITY WORKERS RECEIVE HONOR

Lynn Young, an employee with the City's Public Works Department, and Mike Bailey, account manager in the Finance Dept, have been selected as the City's Employees of the Year.

The two previously had been honored as Employees of the Quarter during 1993. A group of department heads and coworkers selected Young and Bailey to share the year-end honor.

Young has been with the City for nearly four years and is responsible for street and drainage maintenance and repairs. He has lived in Des Moines 27 years and takes pride in the work he does for his community.

"Lynn does an outstanding job. He takes a lot of time and effort to do the job and do it right with a great deal of professionalism," said Frank Olson, Public Works superintendent. "He is also well-liked by his co-workers."

Bailey has been with the City for three years and is responsible for keeping the books for all the City's activities. He has worked for larger organizations but he prefers Des Moines because it's more of a "family atmosphere."

His supervisor, Finance Director Gene Logas, said Bailey's ability to work with and get along with people allows him to represent the City well at all times.

"He has outstanding technical skills which have made him invaluable to the City," Logas said.

Both men were chosen for their honors for demonstrating the City's "Sails With Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."

WIDENING OF CREEK CROSSING UNDERWAY

As anyone driving through Des Moines' city center is well aware, construction work on widening the crossing of Des Moines Creek on the north end of town is under way.

Marine View Drive is being widened to four lanes at the crossing. Since the arterial is a state highway (State Route 509), work is being done by the state Department of Transportation.

Construction crews are building retaining walls that hold fill material to support a wider roadway. The retaining walls are supported by a number of pilings that were driven deep into the hillside.

Work on the walls should be completed by the end of January and then backfilling will begin. Work then will shift to the east side of the roadway. Motorists are asked to be patient with the traffic detours and construction-related delays.

The \$1.8 million project is due for completion next July or August.

HELMET SAFETY PROGRAM IN NEED OF DONATIONS

During the spring of 1993, the Des Moines Police Department designed a program to educate the community in bicycle helmet safety, as well as to create a supply of bicycle helmets to be given to the underprivileged youth in the community.

The goal of the P.A.T.C.H.E.S. (Public Awareness Through Community Helmet Education and Safety) program is to educate the community on helmet safety and to provide a resource of helmets available to be distributed to those children whose families can't afford one.

Unfortunately, the number of helmets has dwindled to almost nothing and Des Moines citizens and organizations can help by donating funds or helmets.

All money donated will be spent 100 percent toward the purchase of a helmet. The Police Department will assist any organization wishing to conduct a fundraiser for the purchase of helmets.

For more information on this community service program or if you wish to obtain a discount coupon, contact the Police Department at 878-3301.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Richard Kennedy Mayor



Scott Thomasson Mayor Pro Tem



Lew Anderson Council member



Terry Brazil Council member



Jeanette Burrage Council member



Dan Sherman Council member



Gary Towe Council member

AUGUST 1993

- Awarded contract for construction of the "1993 Street Overlays and the 13th Avenue South LID" to M. A. Segale Inc. in the amount of \$257.894.
- Awarded the contract for purchase of a Public Works flatbed truck to Korum Ford in the amount of \$21,785.30.
- Approved the following Ordinances:
- No. 1047 creating a Human Services Advisory Board
- No. 1051 enforcement provisions of the undergrounding of utilities code
- No. 1052 adopting the Transportation Element of the Greater Des Moines Comprehensive Plan
- Approved the following Resolutions:
- No. 738 authorizing the City Manager to close certain rights-of-way in the Port buy-out area within the City of Des Moines
- No. 739 approving the Comprehensive Transpor-

tation Plan for the City of Des Moines.

- Authorized the City
 Manager to expend
 emergency human services
 funds in the amount of
 \$875 for the Police
 Chaplain's Fund.
- Confirmed Mayor's appointments of Earline Byers, Warren Coffen, Jean Hueston, Jeanne Blalock, Brooks Powell and Gary Towe to the Human Services Advisory Board.

SEPTEMBER 1993

- Approved the following Ordinances:
- No. 1055 relating to sound transmission requirements.
- No. 1056 designating the South 239th Street public access route.
- No. 1057 prohibiting the storage of junk vehicles in residential zones and providing penalties.
- Approved the following Resolutions:
- No. 742 modifying a condition of the preliminary and final subdivision and plat of Saltwater

Trails.

- No. 743 adopting a sidewalk route map, repealing Res. No. 712.
- Authorized City Manager to execute Jail Services Interlocal Agreement with the City of Puyallup.
- Authorized City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Local Hazardous Waste Management program funds.
- Awarded engineering contract for 16th Ave. So./ So. 240th Street signal design to Reid-Middleton Inc. in the amount of \$24,501.
- Held a public hearing to determine funding allocations for 1994 Community Development Block Grant funds.

OCTOBER 1993

- Approved the following ordinances:
- No. 1061 rezone from RS 8400 to RM 2400.
- No. 1062 streamlining the process for textual modifications to the

zoning code.

- No. 1063 placement of buildings in the downtown
- Awarded the contract for the Marina Outfall Repair and the South 224th Street Drainage Installation construction work to Glacier Construction & Equipment Company in the amount of \$34,083.00 plus a 10% contingency.

NOVEMBER 1993

- Approved the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan for 1994-1999.
- Held a public hearing on the 1994 City Budget.
- Approved the following Ordinance:
- No. 1065 1994 Surface
 Water Management Rates.
- Approved the following Resolutions:

- No. 745 declaring the City's intent to follow the regulations established by the Federal Communications Commission in adopting rate regulations consistent with the regulations of the FCC for basic cable service.
- No. 746 authorizing the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement relating to ownership, funding, operation and maintenance of parks, open space, recreation facilities and programs.
- No. 748 opposing assumption of the Federal Way Water and Sewer District by the City of Federal Way.
- Confirmed the appointment of Municipal Court Judge Paul J. Codd for the term January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1997.

COUNCIL MEETINGS TELEVISED

The City of Des Moines will be broadcasting City Council meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. the week following the meeting on cable Channel 28.



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