



MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, February 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Robyn Desimone.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Councilmember Pierre Blossé, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Council via Zoom:

Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger

Staff via Zoom:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Police Chief Ted Boe; Assistant Police Chief Kevin Penny; Assistant Police Chief Cory Stanton; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane

PROCLAMATIONS

- Item 1. **Black History Month Proclamation**
Motion: “I move to approve the Proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month.”

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the Proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui read the Black History Month Proclamation into the record.

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There was no additional correspondence beyond the emails already received by Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Chris DeLaRosa, Flock
- Judy Grande, Flock
- Jim Lampariello, Flock
- Chuck Coleman, Flock
- Iman Ekong, The Roadhouse

02.12.2026 Public Comment Sign In Sheet

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Councilmember JC Harris gave an update on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 11, 2026.

SOUND CITIES PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

Councilmember Harry Steinmetz gave an update on the Sound Cities Public Issues Committee held on February 11, 2026.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

- Item 1. **Presentation from Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce (10 Minutes)**

- Members of the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce gave Council a

PowerPoint Presentation on the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce.

Item 2. **Update from Citizens Advisory Board on Strategic Plan Public Engagement** (10 Minutes)

Staff Presentation:

Katherine Caffrey, City Manager

- Citizen Advisory Board Member Colleen Gants along with City Manager Katherine Caffrey gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Citizen Advisory Board Strategic Plan Engagement Efforts.

Item 3. **Update on the City's Automated License Plate Reader System** (30 Minutes)

Staff Presentation:

Ted Boe, Police Chief

- Chief Ted Boe gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation update on the Automated License Plate Reader. (FLOCK Cameras)

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. **Approval of Vouchers**

Motion: "I move to approve the payment vouchers through January 29, 2026 and payroll transfers through January 30, 2026 in the attached list and further described as follows:"

EFT Vendor Payments #13053-13133	\$2,493,538.97
Wires #3220-3236	\$1,030,966.49
Accounts Payable #167277-167349	\$436,635.41
Checks	
Voided Checks #166437	(\$292.97)
Payroll Checks #2046-20048	\$288.89
Payroll Advice #16296-16465	\$493,619.72

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$4,457,756.51

Item 2. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2026."

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the Consent Agenda as read, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING/CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1. **Density Bonus for Religious Properties Ordinance - 1st Reading** (10 Minutes)

Staff Presentation:

Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director

Motion: "I move to pass draft Ordinance 25-125 to a second reading on March 12, 2026."

At 8:08 p.m. Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui opened the Public Hearing.

Community Development Director Rebecca Deming gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the Density Bonus for Religious Properties Ordinance — 1st Reading.

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui asked 3 times if anyone wished to speak. Seeing none, Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui asked the Council if they had any questions.

At 8:13 p.m. Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui closed the Public Hearing.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass draft Ordinance 25-125 to a second reading on March 12, 2026, seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.

Motion 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. **Planning Commission Appointments** (30 Minutes)

Staff Presentation:

Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director

Motion: "I move the appointment of _____(four (4) commissioners) to the Planning Commission to four-year terms and the appointment of _____(three (3) commissioners) to the Planning Commission to two-year terms."

Community Development Director Rebecca Deming provided a presentation regarding the Planning Commission appointments.

Councilmembers discussed potential candidates and identified their preferred applicants for appointment to the Planning Commission.

City Clerk Taria Keane maintained a tally of the Councilmembers' recommendations on a spreadsheet for the record.

Following discussion and review of each Councilmember's recommendations, it was determined that Applicants 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11 be appointed to the Planning Commission at the March 12, 2026 City Council meeting.

Item 2. **Establishment of a Salary Commission (30 Minutes)**

Staff Presentation:

AJ Johnson-Newton, Assistant City Manager

Motion: "I move to direct staff to draft an ordinance establishing a salary commission pursuant to RCW 35.21.015, consistent with the framework discussed, and return it to the City Council for future consideration."

Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the establishment of a Salary Commission.

Councilmembers discussed and provided recommendations regarding the requirements for eligibility to serve on the Salary Commission.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to direct staff to draft an ordinance establishing a salary commission pursuant to RCW 35.21.015, consistent with the framework discussed, and return it to the City Council for future consideration, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion 6-1.

For: Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

Item 3. **New Agenda Items for Consideration (10 Minutes)**

Staff Presentation:

Councilmember JC Harris proposed a new agenda item to discuss parking in the downtown area.

Council consensus supported the recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

COUNCILMEMBER ROBYN DESIMONE

- Happy Valentine's Day

COUNCILMEMBER JEREMY NUTTING

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER PIERRE BLOSSE

- Chess Tournament at the Des Moines Theater

COUNCILMEMBER HARRY STEINMETZ

- Go Seahawks
- Happy Valentine's Day

DEPUTY MAYOR GENE ACHZIGER

- No Report

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- The Port of Seattle's Highline Forum
- What's Happening in Des Moines at Wesley Homes
- North Hill Community Club Meeting
- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee
- Association of Washington Cities Mayors Exchange
- 30th Legislative District Town Hall
- 33rd Legislative District Town Hall
- City Council Strategic Planning Workshop

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pending Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - 25 Minutes and Real Estate Acquisition RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) - 5 Minutes

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Council via Zoom:

Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger

Staff via Zoom:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey

Staff Present:

City Attorney Tim George, and Community Development Director Rebecca Deming

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold an Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Real Estate Acquisition RCW

42.30.110(1)(b).

The Executive Session was expected to last until 8:05 p.m.

The Special Meeting lasted 35 minutes and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

No formal action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 26, 2026 City Council Strategic Planning Workshop

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Robyn Desimone to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Jeremey Nutting.

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.