

MINUTES

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, January 30, 2025 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Traci Buxton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz; Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Matt Mahoney; and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; City Attorney Tim George; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Director of Community/Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Police Chief Ted Boe; Public Works Director Michael Slevin; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) – POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE
- 15 Minutes**

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Traci Buxton at 6:04 p.m.

Council Present:

Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz; Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Matt Mahoney, and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Newton-Johnson; City Attorney Tim George; and Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold an Executive Session to discuss Potential Acquisition of Real Estate under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The Executive Session was expected to last 15 Minutes.

No formal action was taken. The Executive Session lasted 15 minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to direct City Manager to explore grant opportunities including King County Conservation Futures and sustain suitable Parcels within the City that could be acquired to support storm water permit requirements or to preserve or expand the city's tree capacity; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- There were no additional correspondence outside of the emails already received by Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1: WSDOT PROPERTY SURPLUS

City Manager Katherine Caffrey gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the WSDOT Property Surplus.

Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda. Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

- Barbara McMichael, WSDOT Land
- Anne Kroeker, WSDOT Property

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to direct the City to ask to defer the decision to pursue a grant for the purchase of the WSDOT Property until February 17th.

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Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion made by Mayor Traci Buxton to decline the offer made by the Washington State Department of Transportation for the purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to South 216th Street in the Barnes Creek Trail for the price of \$5,350,000; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to defer the decision to February 6th and further move to direct the City to investigate the possibility of subdividing the property to provide an equivalent easement with the southern extent of the property.
Motion died for a lack of a second.

Amended motion made by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui to direct staff to apply for Conservation Futures Grant with the match waiver or opportunities for Grant Escrow like arrangement from Forterra as an option by February 10th, seconded by Councilmember Gene Achziger.

Amended motion failed 3-4.

For: Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui, and Councilmember JC Harris.

Against: Mayor Traci Buxton, Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Councilmember Matt Mahoney, and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

The main motion passed 4-3.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton, Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Councilmember Matt Mahoney, and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui, and Councilmember JC Harris.

Item 2: DISCUSSION ON FIFA 2026 EVENT

Council watched a Webinar on the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

At 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui left the meeting.

At 7:55 p.m. Councilmember JC Harris left the meeting.

No formal action was taken.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

February 06, 2025 City Council Study Session

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 5-0.