

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Traci Buxton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Gene Achziger.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

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

Council Present via Phone:

Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; City Attorney Tim George; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Public Works Director Michael Slevin; Police Chief Ted Boe; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane

CORRESPONDENCE

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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.

- Maria Batayola, Airport Committee
- Karen Valoria, Airport Committee
- Steve Edmiston via Video - Airport Committee

- Lloyd Lytle, Planning Commission

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1: MARINA STEPS, REDONDO PIER & BOND PROJECTS

City Manager Katherine Caffrey and Public Works Director Michael Slevin gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Marina Steps, Redondo Pier & Bond Projects.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONTINUED

- Kay Vann, Redondo Pier
- Patrice Thorell, Marina Steps
- Bill Linscott, Marina Steps and Redondo Pier
- Melanie Barlow, Redondo Pier
- Victoria Andrews, Marina Steps
- Mark Eide, Redondo Pier
- Dina Rohm, Redondo Pier
- Coralyn Beck, Redondo Pier
- Jim Irish, Value Engineering

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to amend the bond ordinance to allow the small boat launch to be added to the list of applicable purposes.

Motion died for a lack of second.

Motion made by Councilmember Gene Achziger to fund the Redondo Pier only; seconded by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

Motion failed 2-5.

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

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

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to fully fund with Bond proceed the new Pier project, and also to approve task assignment with KPFF in the amount of \$100,000 for additional value engineering and scope reduction for the Des Moines Marina Steps project and authorize

the City Manager to sign the task assignment substantially in the form as attached; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 4-3.

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

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

Motion made by Mayor Traci Buxton to direct staff to bring back to the Council information for the consideration of a Sling Launch and Dry Stack Storage; seconded by Councilmember Gene Achziger.
Motion passed 6-1.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz;
Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace,
Councilmember Matt Mahoney, and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 2: PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING AGENCY DISCUSSION

Community Development Director Rebecca Deming gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on a Planning Commission.

Council directed staff to add a Planning Commission agenda item to a future Council meeting.

Item 3: AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Community Development Director Rebecca Deming gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on a Airport Partnership.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui to approve the formation of the Airport Advisory Committee as outlined; seconded by Mayor Traci Buxton.

Amended Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to approve the formation of the Airport Advisory Committee currently outlined in the agenda but subject to further determination at a later date; seconded by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

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Amended Motion passed 6-1.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz;
Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace,
Councilmember Matt Mahoney, and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 13, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Gene Achziger to adjourn; seconded
by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

[Projected Future Agenda Items](#)