

MINUTES

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION City Council Chambers VIA ZOOM

Thursday, April 7, 2022 - 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag salute was led by Councilmember Nutting.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Mayor Matt Mahoney; Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton; Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Jeremy Nutting; Councilmember Vic Pennington; and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Staff Present:

City Manager Michael Matthias; City Attorney Tim George; Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer; Chief Strategic Officer Susan Cezar; Director of Administrative Services-City Clerk Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Assistant Harbormaster Katy Bevegni; Human Resources Director Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Police Chief Ken Thomas; Commander Patti Richards; Public Works Director Andrew Merges; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Community Development Director Denise Lathrop; Finance Director Beth Anne Wroe; Deputy Finance Director Jeff Friend; Director of Emergency Management and Workplace Safety Shannon Kirchberg; Director of Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Nicole Nordholm; Legislative Advocate Anthony Hemstad; and Deputy City Clerk Taria Keane

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC VIA WRITTEN COMMENT

Note: Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda per Council Rule 10. Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3)

minutes.

- Mike Halko, Marina Finances
- Rod Hanson, March 10 Meeting Marina Enterprise Fund
- Jackie Hopkins, Animal Control Officer
- Sabrina Souffront, The Landmark
- Jill Wright, Animal Control
- Adina Cherry, Save the Masonic Home
- Shannon Johnson, Animal Control
- Pat Corbin Chao, Are the city and city taxpayers responsible for \$\$\$ damages for lack of animal control resulting in property damage and/or worse personal injury or death
- Gary Malcom, Urgent need for Des Moines animal services

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM

- Amanda Barron, Des Moines Animal Control

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Police Chief Ken Thomas gave Council an update on Animal Control
- Mayor Mahoney and City Manager Matthias presented Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the City Council/City Manager Roles and Responsibilities

Item 1:

GOAL SETTING RETREAT

- Communication
- Public Safety
- Marina
- Parks Programming
- Committees and Miscellaneous

Council discussed Marina Development and Communication

Motion made by Mayor Matt Mahoney to direct the City Manager to look into hiring a consultant to evaluate the communication in the City; seconded by Councilmember Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton.
Motion Passed 5-2

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger and Councilmember JC Harris

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Council discussed Public Safety

At 7:21 p.m. Council took a 9 minute break resuming the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Council discussed the following:

- Programming and Parks & Recreation
- Business and Development
- Councilmember Research Process
- Committee/Meeting Modernizations
- Process Improvements
- Structural Changes
- Conflict of Interest
- Sustainable Airport Master Plan
- Multi Modal Transportation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 14, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Steinmetz.

The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes Approved at the June 09, 2022 Council Meeting.