

AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION City Council Chambers VIA ZOOM

Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 5:00 PM

NOTE: The City of Des Moines is currently operating under a Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 5, 2020 and Governor Inslee's Stay-at-Home order issued March 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Accordingly, this meeting will be held virtually using Zoom.

Public Comment continues to be encouraged and will be accepted in the following manner:

- (1) In writing, either by email to the City Clerk's Office at <https://www.desmoineswa.gov/FormCenter/City-Forms-3/Council-Meeting-Comments-49> or by mail; Attn: City Clerk Office, 21630 11th Avenue S., Des Moines WA 98198 no later than 4:00 p.m. day of the meeting. Please provide us with your first and last name and the city in which you live. Your full name and the subject of your public comment will be read into the record at the Council meeting. Incomplete forms will not be read into the record, however the full correspondence will be attached to the Council packet and uploaded to the website as part of the permanent record.
- (2) By participation via Zoom. If you wish to provide oral public comment please email the City Clerk's office at <https://www.desmoineswa.gov/FormCenter/City-Forms-3/Council-Meeting-Comments-49> no later than 4:00 p.m. day of the meeting to receive your Zoom log-in and personal identification number. Please note that Zoom attendees do not interact with one another; they join in listen-only mode until it is their turn to address the Council.

City Council meetings can also be viewed live on Comcast Channel 21 or live streamed on the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEM

STATE OF THE CITY PRESENTATION

[State of the City Presentation](#)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Please Note: Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda per Council Rule 10.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 22, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF DES MOINES, WA 2021

CITY CHARACTERISTICS

- Established in 1889:
 - We have been a community for 130 years
 - Prior to that we were a community of primarily indigenous people
- Incorporated in 1959:
 - Celebrated 60 years in 2019
 - Planters – Downtown beautification
 - Enhanced concerts focusing on our history with the Spanish Castle Ballroom
 - Waterland – Parade and events
- City has a population of approximately 31,500
- Diverse population both age and ethnicity
- Combination of younger families and older established residents



WHAT IS OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND WHY?

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City Manager Michael Matthias
2019 Washington State City Manager of the Year

- Mayor and City Council set policy and approve the budget
- City Manager is Executive in charge of the City Administration
- City Manager/Council vs. Strong Mayor system

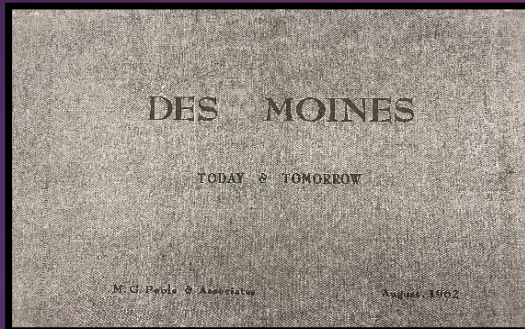
COUNCIL GOALS

- Protect people and property
- Promote economic, sustainability, stability, growth, and vitality in partnership with other government jurisdictions
- Improve and enhance the City's transparency
- Support and enhance the City's infrastructure
- Provide efficient and effective customer-oriented City Services
- Continue to maintain fiscal discipline and solvent practices
- Encourage community involvement
- Preserve livability for all generations
- Participate in regional and state issues and decisions
- Protect the natural environment through sustainable efforts

CHALLENGES

- Maintaining the quality of life, amenities, services and public safety for all residents and visitors
- Enhance economic development while retaining quality environment
- Focus on sustainability
- Enriching our cultural assets:
 - Theater renovation
 - Public art displays
 - Capitalize on our waterside opportunities
- Expanding a destination experience - Marina, Parks, Redondo and Downtown
- COVID-19 Impacts – Short and long term
- Downtown land banking
- Protecting our environment – Paris Climate Accord

Since 1962



DES MOINES TODAY 1962

Land Problems

Like all other cities, Des Moines has its own assortment of land problems, some of them beyond its control.

One mile north of Des Moines is a large international airport. Steadily increasing air traffic, flying at low altitudes, creates a nuisance and a hazard to property in and near the approach zones of this large airport. Plans to install a second major runway, paralleling the existing runway, will further increase its nuisance and hazard effects.

The city is bordered and traversed by state highways. Traffic counts on these highways and on its arterial streets indicate that daily volume of traffic is steadily increasing, and will continue to increase.

The Downtown district of Des Moines is strung out along an arterial street. It lacks unity, and it lacks off-street parking. A recent survey made by the Jaycees reveals the fact that many of the commercial structures can be classified as old and needing repair or replacement.

A survey made in February 1962 analyzing assessed valuation of land and buildings in the Downtown area, indicates that on several parcels of land the land itself is worth more than the commercial structure on it.

The City needs sidewalks.

THE PAST FIVE YEARS

LAYING THE GROUND WORK FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

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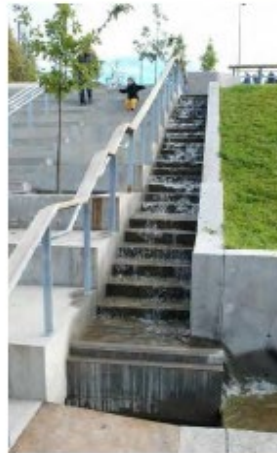
- Out of near bankruptcy – Fiscally solid
- Diversified the revenue streams to ensure sustainability
- Locked in an exceptional City Manager and Staff
- Improved our Credit Rating – Moody's, Standard and Poors to AA+, possible AAA
- Built an appropriate reserve for economic downturn and emergency management – 16.67% of General Fund
- Expanded City parks and recreation facilities
- Assessed and addressing infrastructure issues:
 - Changes at the State level outside the City's control. Impact to local resource
 - Grants, mitigations with other entities, brought new money to the table
 - Decline in infrastructure for over 15 years due to lack of funding (road paving, etc.)
- Engaged in Marina and Marina District development plans

MARINA DISTRICT



FUTURE OF OUR MARINA DISTRICT

- Marina dredging complete – Fast action by staff to get accomplished
- In process of replacing the North Marina Bulkhead – Emergency Action
- Maintain a working Marina
- Dock replacement
- Marina floor development: Hotel? Passenger Ferry? Businesses? Private/ Public Partnership?
- Harbor Steps that connect the Marina to downtown via 223rd
- Build relationships with “real” investors and developers
- New construction downtown – Theatre and others
- Encourage development of stagnant properties in downtown
- Parks that overlook the marina
- Beach Park enhancements
 - Including play equipment



FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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MARINA



BEACH PARK CONNECTION



SR³ SEALIFE RESPONSE, REHABILITATION AND RESEARCH

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- Commitment to the environment
- Unique resource
- Salmon habitat
- Destination: Visitation and education
- Town visits: Economic benefit
- Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony April 22, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.

MARINA BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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DES MOINES WATERFRONT FARMERS MARKET



THEATRE

- Planned Opening 2021

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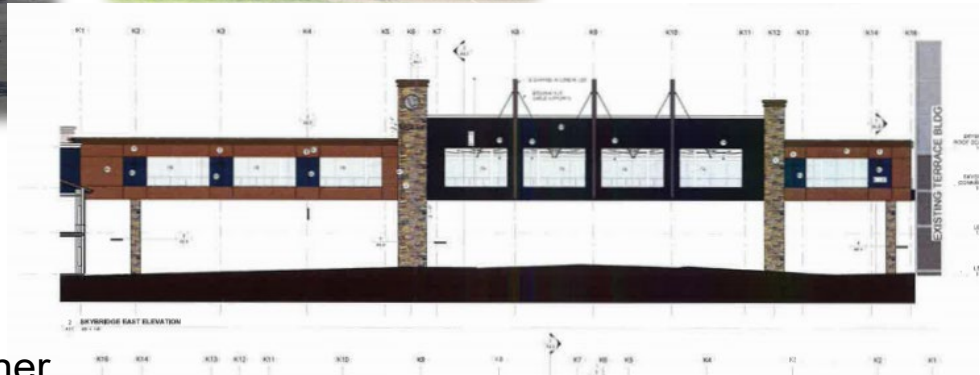
THEATRE ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS

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- Innovative campus design
- Great partners
- \$250 million investment
- Jeff Bezo's Academy
- Skybridge brings it all together



WESLEY DEVELOPMENT



NEW PERSPECTIVE



FRONT ELEVATION



STREET FRONTAGE DETAILS



NEW DEVELOPMENT IN TOWN

MIDWAY PARK ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENTS



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LIGHT RAIL SOUND TRANSIT - 2024

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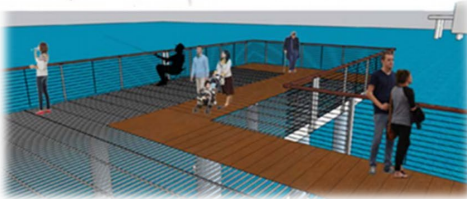
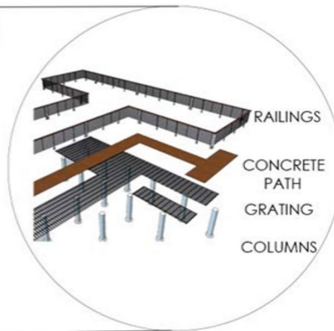
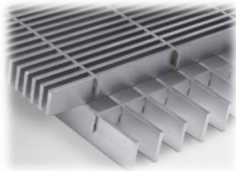
SR 509 PUGET SOUND GATEWAY PROJECT

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REDONDO BEACH FRONT FISHING PIER AND BOARDWALK

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COMPLETED PROJECTS





216TH STREET SEGMENT 2:
LOOKING WEST: THE FUTURE LOOK
FOR OUR MAJOR ROADWAYS

NEW BUSINESSES

- The Tea Cup
- Anytime Fitness
- Aesthetic Specialists
- Harper Photography
- The Quarterdeck
- Marine View Espresso – New Owner
- Eight Dive Shop
- Dat Creole Soul
- Outdoor Research Outlet Store and Internet Sales
- Origins Vietnamese Bistro
- Gravity Coffee
- Legion of Barbers

PUBLIC SAFETY, JUSTICE AND LEGAL

- 4 patrol teams at full capacity (Include 4 Officers and 1 Sergeant each), plus 2 K9 Units
- Crime Analytics and Investigative Forensics assigned to a Senior Detective
- Interagency partnerships – US Marshalls, ATF, FBI, and Valley SWAT, VIIT
- Code Enforcement
- Behavior Health Co-Responder Program
- Dash cameras, body cameras and drones
- Community policing as a cornerstone to our mission

Examples of these programs are:

- National Night Out/Block Watch/Business Watch
- Camera Registration Program
- Citizens Academy
- Graffiti Abatement Program
- Des Moines Police Foundation:
 - Shop With a Cop & Coffee with a Cop
 - Reading Buddies
 - Steven J. Underwood Scholarship Partner



POLICE REFORMS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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- Compliance with community and police recommendations
- 8 Can't Wait policy recommendations
- Full participation and compliance with I-940 and State Legislation
- Valley Independent Investigative Team
- Body cameras
- Mental Health Focus – Co responder behavioral health program leadership
- State Accredited Law Enforcement Agency
- Fully funded Police Department

IMPACTS OF COVID-19

- Emergency declaration (Federal, State and Local)
- Creation of the Emergency Operations Center
- Timely response to COVID challenges
 - Hit to revenue - action
 - Modification of City services
 - No special event permits until the Phase 3 of Governor Inslee's Phased-In Approach
 - Better numbers concerning infection rates
 - Letter from Public Health thanking us for our efforts on getting our citizens vaccinated
 - Cooperation with other Governmental and Health jurisdictions in this pandemic
- Vaccinations and availability



Supporting the Community

- EATS Program
- Business impacted – GRO Program
- Senior Center Lunch Program
- Food Bank Support
- Facemask Distribution
- Maritime High School
- Charter School, Why Not You
- Jeff Bezo's Academy/Wesley



LANDMARK ON THE SOUND

AIRPORT COEXISTENCE WITH A NOISY NEIGHBOR



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Route covers Angle Lake Station to Business Park and FAA building to Downtown and the Marina and returns the same route, Route 635.
- Service started 4th quarter 2017
- City is also encouraging Metro to increase service between Kent Sounder Station and Angle Lake Station
- Mid-day and weekend service started Fall 2019
- Maintained Service despite fiscal challenges



CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT TO LOCAL AGENCIES





THANK
YOU

We look forward to partnering with you in our great future.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to share with you what is happening in our City.

We look forward to your continued involvement and input into City issues.

Your City Staff and Council are proud of what has been accomplished and excited for our City's future!

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TOPICS OF CURIOSITY AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CITY'S BRIGHT FUTURE

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