

MINUTES

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, May 1, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Traci Buxton called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

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

Council Absent:

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to excuse Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting; seconded by Councilmember Gene Achziger.

Motion passed 4-1.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton; Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui; and Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

Against: Councilmember JC Harris.

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; City Attorney Tim George; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Police Chief Ted Boe; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; Land Use Planner II Peyton Murphy; Land Use Planner I Alicia

Jacobs; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS

- Item 1: ALARM SYSTEMS AND FALSE ALARMS CHAPTER 9.10 DMMC UPDATES
- City Attorney Tim George presented a PowerPoint on the Alarm Code fee updates.

At 5:04 p.m., Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz joined the meeting.

Council discussed Alarm Fee recommendations.

- Item 2: MIDDLE HOUSING
- Planning & Development Service Manager Laura Techico along, with Community Development Director Rebecca Deming, provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation on a Middle Housing Regulations Update.

At 5:18 p.m., Councilmember Jeremy Nutting joined the meeting.

Council discussed Middle Housing Regulation recommendations.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION, **6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Traci Buxton called the City Council Study Session to order at 6:01 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; Director of Community/Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Police Chief Ted Boe; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane

CORRESPONDENCE

- There was no further correspondence beyond 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.

- No public comments were made.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1: CITY LOGO DISCUSSION

- Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins presented a PowerPoint to Council regarding the City Logo.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Mayor Traci Buxton to move forward with a Sailboat motif with details to be discussed in a second motion; seconded by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

Motion passed 6-0-1.

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

Abstained: Councilmember JC Harris.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz to use Concept 7 font in Navy; seconded by Mayor Traci Buxton.

Motion fails 3-4.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz; and Councilmember JC Harris.

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Councilmember Matt Mahoney; and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to approve the Concept #1 font and color; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting. Motion passed 6-0-1.

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

Abstained: Councilmember JC Harris.

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to restore the word "the". Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Item 2: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

- Community Development Director Rebecca Deming, accompanied by Planning and Development Services Manager Laura Techico, presented an in-depth PowerPoint briefing to the Council on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Following the presentation, the Council provided feedback and suggested changes to the staff.

Item 3: CITY LOGO DISCUSSION CONTINUED

- Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins presented an updated PowerPoint to Council with the 2 Sailboat designs Council requested.

Direction/Motion

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to adopt the top left logo and design as shown as the official logo of the City of Des Moines, Washington; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting. Motion passed 4-3.

For: Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Matt Mahoney; and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

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Against: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz; and Councilmember Gene Achziger.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 08, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

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

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.