

MINUTES

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, January 9, 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 Matt Mahoney.

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 Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Police Chief Ted Boe; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; Public Works Director Michael Slevin; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; Civil Engineer I Alex Johnson; Civil Engineer Allyssa Beaver; IT Manager Chris Pauk; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Director of Court Administration Melissa Patrick; Deputy City Clerk Sara Lee; and City Clerk Taria Keane

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Chuck Coleman, Thank you to Public Works
- Lee Tomlin, Stairs/Public Works
- Diane Tucker, Boardwalk Tides

- Jim Lamphriello, City Imagery
- Garner Duncan, Ziply and Ezee Fiber

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE: Chair Matt Mahoney
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney provided an update on the recent Municipal Facilities Committee meeting held on January 09, 2025.
- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE: Chair JC Harris
 - Councilmember JC Harris provided an update on the recent Environment Committee meeting held on January 09, 2025.
- PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE: Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
 - Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz provided an update on the recent Public Issues Committee meeting held on January 08, 2025.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

DES MOINES ACTIVITY CENTER SENIOR DANCE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

PETER PHILIPS MARINA ACTIVATION

- Consultant Peter Philips gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Des Moines Marina Activation Update.

ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE COOPERATIVE (ZEV CO-OP)

- Beza Daniel Communication Manager and Julien Thorn Customer Service and Outreach Manager from ZEV Co-Op gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Zero Emission Vehicle that will be located at the Marina.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 1: APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS
Motion is to approve the payment vouchers through December 26, 2024 and payroll transfers through December 20, 2024 in the attached list and further described as follows:

EFT Vendor	#11085-11210	\$ 964,502.26
Payments		
Wires	#2789-2823	\$2,793,150.28

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Accounts Payable	#166263-166334	\$ 359,132.52
Checks		
Payroll Checks	#19915-19915	\$ 1,728.11
Payroll Advice	#11946-12112	\$ 508,233.64

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$4,626,746.81

Item 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve the October 24, and November 21, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting, the November 14, 2024 City Council Retreat, and the December 05, 2024 City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes.

Item 3: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

Motion is to approve the Proclamation recognizing January 11, 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Item 4: KOREAN AMERICAN DAY PROCLAMATION

Motion is to approve the Proclamation recognizing January 13, 2025 as Korean American Day.

Item 5: CO-RESPONDER GRANT AWARD

Motion is to ratify and affirm the Grant Award Agreement in the amount of \$69,000 to provide funding for the City's co-responder position for the first six months of 2025.

Item 6: DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 24-108 IN SUPPORT OF REDONDO BOAT RAMP GRANT APPLICATION

Motion is to enact Draft Resolution 24-108 naming the City Manager as the designated representative/agent for the City in order to apply for grant funding for the Redondo Boat Launch Improvement Project.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

Mayor Traci Buxton pulled Consent Agenda Item #6.

The remainder of the Consent Agenda passed 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #6.

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the Consent Agenda Item #6 as read; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Traci Buxton read the Korean American Day Proclamation into the record.

Mayor Traci Buxton read the Human Trafficking Awareness Day Proclamation into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING/CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

- Item 1: PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE
Staff Presentation by City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Traci Buxton opened the Public Hearing.

City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Public Records Fee Schedule Update.

Mayor Traci Buxton asked Council if they had any questions.

Mayor Traci Buxton asked 3 times if anyone wished to speak.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Traci Buxton closed the Public Hearing.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to enact Draft Ordinance No. 24-037, amending the City's Public Records Fee Schedule; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.
Motion passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Item 1: CITY OF DES MOINES MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the City of Des Moines Mission, Vision, and Values Statement; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

Amended Motion made by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz to change the Mission and Vision statement from "Des Moines is a waterfront community committed to building a safe, sustainable environment, by providing a high quality of life for all to live, work and play." to "Des Moines is a waterfront community committed to maintaining a safe,

sustainable environment, while ensuring a high quality of life for all to live, work and play."; seconded by Mayor Traci Buxton.
Amended Motion passed 6-1.

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

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

Amended Motion made by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz to change the Vision statement from "To be the premier marine destination in the Pacific Northwest" to say "To be the premier waterfront destination in the Pacific Northwest"; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.
Motion passed 4-1-2.

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

Against: Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

Abstained: Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui and Councilmember JC Harris.

The amended main motion passed 6-1.

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

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

At 7:57 p.m., Council took an 8-minute break and resumed the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: DES MOINES MARINA STEPS PROJECT
Staff Presentation by Public Works Director Michael P. Slevin III, P.E.

Public Works Director Michael P. Slevin gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Des Moines Marina Steps Project.

- Item 2: DES MOINES CREEK ESTUARY PROJECT UPDATE
Staff Presentation by Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley, P.E.

Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Des Moines Creek Estuary Project Update.

Direction/Action

At 8:59 p.m. Councilmember Jeremy Nutting made a motion extend the meeting until 9:10 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney. Motion failed 3-4

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

Against: Mayor Traci Buxton; Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui, and Councilmember JC Harris.

Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui made a motion to extend the meeting until 9:20 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney. Motion passed 5-2.

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

Against: Councilmember JC Harris and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

- Item 3: TELECOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH EZEE FIBER
Staff Presentation by City Attorney Tim George

- Item 4: TELECOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ZIPLY FIBER
Staff Presentation by City Attorney Tim George

City Attorney Tim George gave Council a presentation on the Ezee Fiber and Ziple Fiber Telecom Franchise Agreement.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz to pass Draft Ordinance No. 24-087 to a second reading on the next available City Council agenda; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz to pass the Draft Ordinance No. 24-107 to a second reading on the next available City Council agenda; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.
Motion passed 7-0.

At 9:15 p.m. Councilmember Jeremy Nutting left the meeting.

Item 5: ~~CITY LOGO DISCUSSION~~ Moved to January 23, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.

Item 6: DISCUSSION ON NON-PROFIT SUMMIT HOSTED BY CITY OF DES MOINES
Led by Council

Council discussed hosting a Non-Profit Summit on February 22, 2025.

Item 7: Mayor Traci Buxton informed the Council about the Study Session on January 30, 2025, regarding FIFA.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 23, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.
Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

[Projected Future Agenda Items](#)