

MINUTES

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, February 22, 2024 - 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 Absent:

Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Direction/Action

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager Tim George; Interim City Attorney Matt Hutchins; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant Police Chief Patti Richards; Director of Emergency Management and Workplace Safety Shannon Kirchberg; City Clerk Taria Keane; and Deputy City Clerk Sara Lee

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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- Kathy Scott, Paid Parking
- Matthew Kimmerly, Masonic Building
- Bill Linscott, Marina Steps
- Gary Beisheim, Masonic Building
- Barbara McMichael, Masonic Home/Port of Seattle
- Steve Quinn, Communication
- Tina Orwall, Landmark
- Lloyd Lytle Jr., Landmark
- George Pettibone, Landmark

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney gave Council a report on the Municipal Facilities Committee meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

DES MOINES YACHT CLUB COMMODORE DEBBIE MINNITI

- Commodore Debbie Minniti gave Council an update on the Des Moines Yacht Club Summer Events.

BACKPACK BRIGADE

- Backpack Brigade Executive Director and Founder Nichelle Hilton gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation about the Backpack Brigade Organization.

LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTATION (PORT OF SEATTLE)

- Port of Seattle Program Manager Chipper Maney gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the SEA Land Stewardship Program Public Outreach Update.

CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT

- Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton gave Council an update on the City Manager Recruitment RFP (Request for Proposal).

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion is to approve the payment vouchers through February 08, 2024 and payroll transfers through February 07, 2024 in the attached list and further described as follows:

EFT Vendor	#9623-9682	\$502,403.59
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Payments		
Wires	#2479-2498	\$682,230.47
Accounts Payable		
Checks	#165623-165637	\$ 79,603.87
Payroll Checks	#19785-19793	\$ 4,796.76
Direct Deposit	#8371-8539	\$482,147.23
Payroll Checks		
Voided	#19664, 19778	\$ (365.44)
Payroll Checks	#19794-19795	\$ 365.44

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$1,751,181.92

Item 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approval the minutes from the January 04, January 11, and January 25, 2024 Regular City Council Meetings.

Item 3: REPLACEMENT OF COPIERS

Motion is to approve a 60 month lease contract with Copiers Northwest for ten copiers and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract substantially in the form as submitted.

Item 4: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Motion is to approve the Proclamation recognizing March as Women's History Month.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Traci Buxton read the Women's History Month Proclamation into the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HEARTS AND MINDS FUND DISBURSEMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace-Matsui to approve the expenditure of the remaining balance of the Hearts & Minds Fund in support of the Officer Steven J. Underwood Scholarship awarded by Des Moines Dollars for Scholars.
Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion made by Councilmember Gene Achziger to approve the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Hearts and Minds Fund in support of Steven J Underwood Scholarship and the remaining funds go toward the Backpack Brigade; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Amended Motion made by Mayor Traci Buxton to approve the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Hearts and Minds Fund in support of Steven J Underwood Scholarship and the remaining funds go to the Human Services Advisory to disburse; seconded by Councilmember JC Harris.

Amended Motion passed 5-1.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz;
Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui,
Councilmember JC Harris.

Against: Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

The amended main motion passed 5-1.

For: Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz;
Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui,
Councilmember JC Harris.

Against: Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

NEW BUSINESS

- Item 1: NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION – 10 Minutes
- There were no new items for future consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

COUNCILMEMBER GENE ACHZIGER

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER JC HARRIS

- Port Package Update Bill
- Environment Bill
- King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee

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- Meeting
- Regional Transit Committee Meeting

COUNCILMEMBER MATT MAHONEY

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER YOSHIKO GRACE MATSUI

- Karaoke Community Event

DEPUTY MAYOR HARRY STEINMETZ

- Sound Cities Associations Public Issues Committee
- Met with the Citizens Advisory Committee Consultant
- Marina Step Presentation
- Federal Way State of the City Address

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Chat with the Mayor
- House Bill 5955
- 33 District Legislators Town Hall
- City Currents

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Traci Buxton at 8:20 p.m.

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

Other Present:

Interim City Manager Tim George; Interim City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; and Attorney Jeff Taraday.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Executive Session was Potential Litigation Under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Executive Session was expected to last 30 minutes.

No formal action was taken.

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The Executive Session lasted 30 minutes.

The Executive Session ended at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 07, 2024 City Council Study Session

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to adjourn; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.