

MINUTES

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Traci Buxton called the meeting to order at 6:03 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

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; City Attorney Tim George; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Public Works Director Michael Slevin; Director of Community/Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Assistant Police Chief Cory Stanton; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; Civil Engineer I Khai Le; Civil Engineer I Alex Johnson; Engineering Technician - SWM Michael Posey; and Deputy City Clerk Sara Lee

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

- No further correspondence was received beyond the emails already received by Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Tedd Teppo, Memorial Flag Triangle Project
- Randy Williams, Six-Gill Sharks
- Jess Alexanderson, Six-Gill Sharks
- Natalie Anderson, Six-Gill Sharks

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING: Chair Matt Mahoney
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney provided an update on the Transportation Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2025.
- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: Chair JC Harris
 - Councilmember JC Harris provided an update on the Environment Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2025.
- PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING: Chair Harry Steinmetz
 - Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz provided an update on the Public Issues Meeting.
- PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Chair Traci Buxton
 - Mayor Traci Buxton provided an update on the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on March 06, 2025.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

Item 1: 2025 DES MOINES YACHT CLUB COMMODORE – PEGGY CLAAR

Commodore Peggy Claar gave council an update on the Des Moines Yacht Club 2025 events.

Item 2: CONSIDERATION TO JOIN K4C - KING COUNTY CITIES CLIMATE COLLABORATION

Ross Freeman and Terry Sullivan from the Office of County Executives gave council a PowerPoint Presentation on K4C - King County Cities Climate Collaboration and consideration to join.

Item 3: 6 GILL SHARK PRESENTATION
Presentation by Rus Higby with the MaST Center Aquarium

Rus Higby from the MaST Center Aquarium gave council a PowerPoint Presentation on the 6 Gill Sharks in the Des Moines/Redondo Marina.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to make Des Moines, Washington the Six Gill Shark Capital of the world and to create a proclamation to honor that on July 6, we direct city staff to explore the cost of 6th Ave. being renamed as honorary Six Gill Shark Avenue and explore grant opportunities for the education boards, bring the last two components of the motion back before Council for approval; seconded

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by Deputy Mayor Steinmetz.

Councilmember Matt Mahoney asks Council to withdraw his previous motion.

Motion to withdraw the previous motion passed 7-0.

Motion 1 made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to make Des Moines, Washington the Six Gill Shark Capital of the world and make July 6, Six Gill Shark Day; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 5-2.

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger; Council Member JC Harris

Motion 2 made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to ask staff to look at the cost of renaming 6th Avenue in an honorary capacity, Six Gill Shark Avenue and explore any potential grant opportunities they may have to assist in the funding of education boards in the future or direct staff; seconded by Deputy Mayor Steinmetz.
Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion is to approve the payment vouchers through February 27, 2025 and payroll transfers through March 05, 2025 in the attached list and further described as follows:

EFT Vendor Payments	#11460-11506	\$ 501,980.42
Wires	#2877-2884	\$ 375,382.06
Accounts Payable Checks	#166482-166541	\$1,105,068.35
Payroll Checks	#19928-19929	\$ 723.80
Payroll Advice	#19930-19932	\$ 479,689.73
Payroll Checks	#19930-19932	\$ 3,290.34
Payroll Advice	#12791-12960	\$ 518,193.43

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$ 2,984,328.13

Item 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Study Sessions on January 30, 2025, and February 6, 2025, as well as the City Council Regular Meeting on February 13, 2025.

Item 3: REDONDO RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT –
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY AMENDMENT

Motion 1 is to increase the project construction contingency for the Redondo Restroom Replacement Project, in the amount of \$130,000, bringing the total project construction contingency to \$320,000.

Motion 2 is to direct administration to bring forward a budget amendment to the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan and the 2025 Capital Budget to include the amended Redondo Restroom Replacement Project as described herein, and include such amendment in the next available budget amendment ordinance.

Item 4: PARKSIDE WETLAND CLEANUP – CONSULTANT SERVICES
CONTRACT AWARD

Motion is to approve the Consultant Services Contract with Totem Logistics Inc for the Parkside Wetland Cleanup, in the amount of \$72,195.48, authorize a project contingency in the amount of \$5,000, and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Contract substantially in the form as submitted.

Direction/Action

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

Councilmember JC Harris pulled Consent Agenda Item #3.

The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #3.

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to approve Consent Agenda Item #3 Motion 1 as read; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz. Motion passed 7-0

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to approve Consent Agenda Item #3 Motion 2 as read; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz. Motion passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1: AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND COMPOSITION

Staff Presentation by Community Development Director Rebecca Deming

Council discussed the Airport Advisory Committee Purpose and Composition

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: DES MOINES MEMORIAL FLAG TRIANGLE PROJECT – CONTRACT AWARD

Staff Presentation by Surface Water Engineer Alex Johnson, EIT CMIT

Direction/Action

Motion 1 made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to approve the public works contract with Tikka Inc. for the Des Moines Memorial Flag Triangle Project in the amount of \$268,325.00, authorize a project construction contingency in the amount of \$26,800.00 and further authorize the City Manager to sign said contract substantially in the form as submitted; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz. Motion passed 4-3.

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

Motion 2 made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to direct administration to bring forward a budget amendment to the 2025-2030 Capital Improvements Plan and the 2025 Capital Budget to include the amended Memorial Flag Triangle Project as described herein and include such amendment in the next available budget amendment ordinance; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz. Motion passed 4-3.

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

Item 2: CONSIDERATION TO JOIN K4C- KING COUNTY CITIES CLIMATE COLLABORATION

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Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the King County Cities collaboration for the City of Des Moines; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 7-0.

Item 3: 24TH AVE S IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION
CONTINGENCY AMENDMENT
Staff Presentation by Principal Engineer Khai Le, P.E.

Direction

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to extend the meeting to 9:10 p.m.; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 6-1.

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

Against: Councilmember JC Harris.

Motion 1 made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to increase the project construction contingency for the 24th Ave South Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,185,080.00 bringing the total project construction contingency to \$1,887,080.00; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.
Motion passed 7-0.

Motion 2 made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to direct administration to bring forward a budget amendment in the 2025-2030 capital improvement plan and the 2025 capital budget to include the amended 24th Ave South Improvement Project as described herein and include such amendment in the next available budget amendment ordinance; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.
Motion passed 7-0.

Item 4: NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION – 10 Minutes

- There were no New Agenda Items For Consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 27, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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Direction/Action

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.
Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

[Projected Future Agenda Items](#)