

MINUTES

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, April 10, 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; and Councilmember Matt Mahoney

Council via Zoom:

Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

Staff Present:

Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Police Chief Ted Boe; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Land Use Planner I Alicia Jacobs; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; Finance Operations Manager Eric Mandelas; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; IT Manager Chris Pauk; Events and Facilities Manager Cortney Wilt; and City Clerk Taria Keane

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Victoria Andrews, Seniors for Democracy
- Christina Blocker, Black Wellness Week

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

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- FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE: Chair Matt Mahoney
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney provided an update on the Finance Committee meeting held on April 03, 2025.
- PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION MEETING
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney provided an update on the PSRC Transportation meeting held on April 10, 2025.
- SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE
 - Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz provided an update on the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee meeting held on April 09, 2025.

Councilmember Nutting

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

Item 1: ~~STATE OF THE COURT ADDRESS~~
Moved to April 24, 2025

Item 2:

- Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton reported that the Finance Department was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award.

Item 3: AIRPORT COMMITTEE

- Community Development Director Rebecca Deming informed Council that the Airport Committee Applications are on the City's Website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS
Motion is to approve the payment vouchers through March 28, 2025 and payroll transfers through April 04, 2025 in the attached list and further described as follows:

EFT Vendor Payments	#11587-11634	\$485,805.29
Wires	#2905-2916	\$629,736.10
Accounts Payable Checks	#166594-166611	\$ 70,731.73
Payroll Checks	#19933-19935	\$ 3,283.32
Payroll Advice	#12961-13124	\$479,440.16
Payroll Checks	#19936-19938	\$ 1,302.70
Payroll Advice	#13125-13288	\$504,449.36

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Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$2,174,748.66

Item 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve the minutes from the City Council Study Session meeting on March 06, 2025.

Item 3: BLACK WELLNESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

Motion is to approve the Proclamation recognizing April 14-18 as Black Wellness Week.

Item 4: CONTRACT WITH FCS GROUP FOR LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL
PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT ANALYSIS

Motion is to approve the Professional Services Contract for a Long-Range Financial Plan and Development Impact Analysis with FCS Group in the amount of \$68,650 and to authorize the City Manager to sign substantially in the form as submitted.

Item 5: 4TH OF JULY DRONE SHOW AT THE MARINA

Motion is to approve the proposed agreement from Sky Elements Drone Shows for 2025 4th of July Celebration and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

Direction/Action

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

Councilmember JC Harris pulled Consent Agenda Item #5.

The remainder of the Consent Agenda passed 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #5.

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to approve Consent Agenda Item #5 as read; 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 Jeremy Nutting; and Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

Against: Councilmember JC Harris.

Mayor Traci Buxton read the Black Wellness Week Proclamation into the record.

CITY MANAGER REPORT CONTINUED

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

- Land Use Planner Alicia Jacobs provided Council with an updated PowerPoint presentation on Accessory Dwelling Units.

Council discussed Accessory Dwelling Units regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIXGILL SHARK CAPITAL OF THE WORLD FOLLOW UP

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Matt Mahoney to proceed with developing and installing commemorative signage declaring 6th Avenue Sixgill Shark Avenue, and authorize the Surface Water Management Fund to partner with MaST with educational signage and outreach related to the Sixgill Shark and the importance of water quality in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Amended Motion made by Councilmember Gene Achziger to strike the street name designation from the proposal making it. "I move to authorize the Surface Water Management Fund to partner with MaST with educational signage and outreach related to the Sixgill Shark and the importance of water quality in an amount not to exceed \$10,000"; seconded by Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui.
Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to postpone this to 2026; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.
Motion failed 1-6.

For: Councilmember JC Harris

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

The main motion as amended 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.

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 MATT MAHONEY

- Bench Dedication for Jack and Norma Kelsey

COUNCILMEMBER YOSHIKO GRACE MATSUI

- The Rotary Club of Des Moines & Normandy Park "Swing for a Cause" Event
- Eggstravaganza
- Downtown Businesses Egg Hunt

COUNCILMEMBER JEREMY NUTTING

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER GENE ACHZIGER

- Hands Off Demonstration

COUNCILMEMBER JC HARRIS

- First Air Quality Monitor in 50 years
- South King Housing and Homelessness Partnership Dashboard Presentation
- Emergency Management Advisory Committee
- Hands Off Demonstration

DEPUTY MAYOR HARRY STEINMETZ

- Bench Dedication for Jack and Norma Kelsey
- Met with a Representative from Patty Murry's office
- Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
- The Rotary Club of Des Moines & Normandy Park "Swing for a Cause" Event
- Hands Off Demonstration

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Judson Jark Pancake Breakfast
- American Association of University Women
- New Des Moines Businesses
- South Ends Mayors Meeting
- Weekly City Managers Report

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 24, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

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

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.