



## **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 Jeremy Nutting.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Council Present:**

Mayor Traci Buxton; Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz; Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember JC Harris; and Councilmember Matt Mahoney

### **Council via Zoom:**

Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

### **Staff Present:**

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; Assistant Police Chief Cory Stanton; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; City Engineer Tommy Owen; IT Manager Chris Pauk; City Clerk Taria Keane; and Deputy City Clerk Sara Lee

## **CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

- No additional correspondence outside of the emails already received by Council.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Cory Cox, ICE and Des Moines Police Department
- Pierre Blosse, Des Moines Legacy Foundation

## REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Highline Forum: Councilmember Matt Mahoney

- Councilmember Matt Mahoney provided an update on the Highline Forum meeting held on July 23, 2025.

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board Meeting: Mayor Traci Buxton

- Mayor Traci Buxton provided Council an update on the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board meeting held on July 24, 2025.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

- Item 1: PHASE 3 OF THE SOUTH LINK CONNECTIONS PROJECT
- Sound Transit Staff: Amanda Pleasant-Brown, Government Relations Administrator – Local Policy & Government Affairs Lead, Cristina Gonzalez, Community Engagement - Senior Community Engagement Planner, and Ryan Miller, Service Planning - Transportation Planner III gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on Phase 3 of the South Link Connections Project.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 1: APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS
- Motion:** To approve the payment vouchers through July 10, 2025 and payroll transfers through July 03, 2025 in the attached list and further described as follows:

|                         |                |               |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| EFT Vendor Payments     | #12098-12164   | \$ 790,497.09 |
| Wires                   | #3014-3030     | \$ 381,050.66 |
| Accounts Payable Checks | #166879-166917 | \$ 881,921.46 |
| Payroll Checks          | #19953-19973   | \$ 9,885.52   |
| Payroll Advice          | #14089-14253   | \$490,798.27  |

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$2,554,153.00

- Item 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the City Council Study Session held on June 05, 2025, as well as the City Council Regular Meetings held on June 12, 2025, and June 26, 2025.

Item 3: ANTI-CRUISING ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading

**Motion:** To approve Draft Ordinance No 25-065 prohibiting cruising.

Item 4: TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH HYPERFIBER - 2nd Reading

**Motion:** To adopt Draft Ordinance No. 25-038 approving a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with HyperFiber.

Item 5: 2025 DOE LOCAL SOLID WASTE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

**Motion:** To authorize the City Manager to sign the 2025-2027 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Washington State Department of Ecology, substantially in the form as attached.

**Direction/Action**

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

Councilmember Gene Achziger pulled Consent Agenda Item #3.

The remainder of the Consent Agenda passed 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #3.

**Amended Motion** made by Councilmember Gene Achziger to amend section 4 of draft ordinance 25-065 to add a subsection 6 to read as follows: Any vehicle taking part in a City-sanctioned cruising event and I move to amend subsection 2 of section 2 of draft ordinance 25-065 to add the following: Designation by the Chief of Police under this subsection shall expire after 30 days unless terminated earlier by the Chief of Police or by adopted motion of the City Council; seconded by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

Amendment 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 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.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Item 1: CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE
- City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Citizen's Advisory Board Ordinance.

### **Direction/Action**

**Motion** made by Mayor Traci Buxton to amend the Ordinance so that the Presiding Officer of the Citizen's Advisory Committee be the Deputy Mayor; 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, and Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

**Against:** Councilmember JC Harris.

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to pass Draft Ordinance No. 25-062 as amended to a second reading on September 11, 2025; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.  
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.

## COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

## COUNCILMEMBER JEREMY NUTTING

- No Report

## **COUNCILMEMBER JC HARRIS**

- Regional Transit Committee
- King County Flood Control District
- Highline Forum

## **COUNCILMEMBER GENE ACHZIGER**

- Des Moines Legacy Foundation Events

## **COUNCILMEMBER MATT MAHONEY**

- Destination Des Moines Waterland Parade
- Six Gill Shark Capital of the World
- Des Moines Farmers Market
- Blues and Brews Festival

## **COUNCILMEMBER YOSHIKO GRACE MATSUI**

- Summer City Events

## **DEPUTY MAYOR HARRY STEINMETZ**

- Des Moines Farmers Market
- Shark in the Park
- Yoga on the Deck at Sound View Park
- Second Love Coffee Ribbon Cutting
- South Sound Alliance Meeting
- Destination Des Moines Waterland Parade

## **PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT**

- Mayor's Minutes
- Met with folks from Wesley
- Visited Ages and Stages
- Music in the Park

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

August 07, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

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Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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