

MINUTES

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, July 25, 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 Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

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

Council Present via Phone:

Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager Tim George; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Acting Police Chief Mark Couey; Public Works Director Michael Slevin; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Civil Engineer I Mike Kwispond; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant Harbormaster Katy Bevegni; Director of Court Administration Melissa Patrick; and City Clerk Taria Keane

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Martha Hamilton, Housing
- Bill Linscott, Marina Steps
- Lloyd Lytle, Masonic Home
- Scott Kawahara, Masonic Home
- George Pettibone, Masonic Home

- Kay Vann, Safety
- Barbara McMichael, Des Moines Creek Business Park W.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- Municipal Facilities Committee: Chair Jeremy Nutting
 - Councilmember Jeremy Nutting gave Council an update on the Municipal Facilities Committee meeting.
- Economic Development Committee: Chair Jeremy Nutting
 - Councilmember Jeremy Nutting gave Council an update on the Economic Development Committee meeting.
- Highline Forum
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney gave Council an update on the Highline Forum meeting.
- Waterland Weekend
 - Councilmember Matt Mahoney gave Council an update on the Waterland Weekend Events.
- South King Housing and Homelessness Partners
 - Mayor Traci Buxton gave Council an update on the SKHHP meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

PROPOSITION 1 INFORMATION BRIEFING

- Finance Director Jeff Friend gave Council an informational PowerPoint Presentation on Proposition 1.

At 7:07 Council took a 7 minute break and resumed the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT UPDATE

- Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton and the Council discussed the City Manager Recruitment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion is to approve the payment vouchers through July 18, 2024 and payroll transfers through July 19, 2024 in the attached list and further described as follows:

EFT's	#10381-10467	\$ 691,686.22
Wires	#2620-2649	\$2,868,869.44
Wire	#2927-2927	\$ 17,291.33
Accounts Payable	#165951-165984	\$ 195,093.33
Checks		

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Payroll Checks	#19854-19863	\$ 16,781.04
Payroll Voided Advice	#10217-10389	\$ 585,093.86

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$4,374,815.22

Item 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is to approve the June 06, 2024 Study Session, the June 13, June 27, and July 11, 2024 Regular City Council Meetings, and the July 02, 2024 Executive Session minutes.

Item 3: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS - REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion is to approve the Interagency Reimbursement Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Courts and the City of Des Moines for extraordinary expenses for up to \$100,966 and further authorize the Director of Court Administration of Des Moines Municipal Court to sign the agreement substantially in the form as submitted.

Item 4: DRAFT RESOLUTION 24-064 IN SUPPORT OF MARINA CHARGING FLOATS GRANT APPLICATION

Motion is to enact Draft Resolution 24-064 naming the Interim City Manager as the designated agent for the City in order to apply for grant funding for the Marina Charging Floats Project.

Item 5: DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 24-061: SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KING FIRE PROPOSITION NO. 1, AUTHORIZING FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE

Motion is to adopt Draft Resolution No. 24-061 in support of South King Fire's Proposition 1, Authorizing Fire Benefit Charge, on the August 6, 2024 election ballot.

Item 6: MARINA STEPS PROJECT - AMENDED TASK ASSIGNMENT FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN

Motion is to approve the 2022-2023 On-Call General Civil Engineering Amendment Task Assignment 2023-07.01 with KPFF Inc., to provide engineering design services for the Marina Steps Project in the amount of \$156,631.00, and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Task Assignment substantially in the form as submitted.

Direction/Action

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

Councilmember Gene Achziger pulled Item #6.

Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui pulled Item #4.

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The remainder of the Consent Agenda passed 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #4.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve Consent Agenda Item #4 as read; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney. Motion passed 4-3.

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger, Councilmember Yoshiko Grace Matsui, and Councilmember JC Harris.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #6.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the Consent Agenda Item #6 as read; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney.

Amended Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to remove the Spray Park from the design; seconded by Councilmember Gene Achziger. Amended Motion failed 2-5.

For: Councilmember Gene Achziger, and Councilmember JC Harris

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

The main motion passed 5-2.

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger, and Councilmember JC Harris.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to extend the meeting with a hard stop at 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion passed 5-2.

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

Against: Councilmember Gene Achziger, and Councilmember JC Harris.

PUBLIC HEARING/CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

VACATION RIGHT-OF-WAY

Staff Presentation by Civil Engineer I Mike Kwispond

At 8:52 p.m. Mayor Traci Buxton opened the Public Hearing.

Civil Engineer I Mike Kwispond gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation on the Vacation of Public Right-of-Way known as 1st Place South.

Mayor Traci Buxton called those who signed up to speak.

- Larry Scott, Opponent
- Chuck Ballard, Opponent

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

Seeing none, Mayor Traci Buxton asked Council if they had any questions.

At 9:12 p.m. Mayor Traci Buxton closed the Public Hearing.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to enact Draft Ordinance No. 24-063 approving the vacation of a portion of unimproved right-of-way specifically identified and legally described in Draft Ordinance No. 24-063; seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahoney. Motion passed 7-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

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

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 30, 2024 City Council Executive Session