



MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger; Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; City Attorney Tim George; Police Chief Ted Boe; Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; Change Civil Engineer I Brandon Pitts to Jeron Griffin; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

- There was no additional correspondence beyond the emails already received by Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Des Moines Yacht Club Commodore Dan Wahlstrom, 2026 DMYC Annual Update
- Rus Higley, Sixgill Shark Way
- Chris DeLaRosa, Flock
- Judy Grande, Flock
- Bill Linscott, Beach Park Grant

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- There were no Regional Committee Reports.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

Item 1. **Update from Explore Seattle Southside & FIFA 2026** - 20 Minutes
 Staff Presentation:
 Katherine Caffrey, City Manager

- The CEO of Explore Seattle Southside, along with City Manager Katherine Caffrey, provided the Council with a PowerPoint presentation updating them on the FIFA World Cup Celebration Event.

Item 2. **South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) Housing Capital Fund** - 10 Minutes
 Staff Presentation:
 Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director

- SKHHP Program Coordinator Dorsel Plants provided the Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the South King Housing and Homelessness Partners Housing Capital Fund.

Item 3. **Marina Steps Project Update** - 20 Minutes
 Staff Presentation:
 Michael Slevin, Public Works Director

- Public Works Director Mike Slevin provided the Council with a Marina Steps Project Update PowerPoint Presentation.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to to direct staff to install a footings for a future tree and explore procuring a tree if contingency funds are available, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 4-3.

For: Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Against: Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, and Councilmember JC Harris

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. **Approval of Vouchers**

Motion: "I move to approve the payment vouchers through February 26, 2026, and payroll transfers through March 05, 2026, in the attached list and further described as follows:"

EFT Vendor Payments #13134 - #13239	\$1,743,905.50
Wires #3237 - #3259	\$1,454,667.64
Accounts Payable #167350 - #167402	\$719,272.98
Checks	
Payroll Checks #20049 - #20062	\$9,807.67
Payroll Advice #16466 - #16957	\$1,479,897.64

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$5,407,551.43

Item 2. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the City Council Study Session held on February 05, 2026, and the City Council Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2026."

Item 3. **South King Housing and Homelessness Partners - Allocation of Funds**

Motion: "I move to enact Draft Resolution No. 26-016 and authorize the allocation of \$31,264 from the City of Des Moines's contribution to the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund to finance affordable housing in South King County communities in concurrence with the SKHHP Executive Board's recommendation."

Item 4. **Density Bonus for Religious Properties Ordinance - 2nd Reading**

Motion: "I move to adopt Draft Ordinance No. 25-125 Density Bonus for Religious Properties"

Item 5. **Tree Preservation Program Grant Award and Task Assignment**

Motion 1: "I move to approve the Washington State Department of Commerce Salmon Recovery Grant between the City of Des Moines and the Washington State Department of Commerce for the funding of the urban forest operations and maintenance project and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Grant substantially in the form as submitted."

Motion 2: "I move to approve the 2026-2027 On-Call General Civil Engineering Task Assignment 2026-03 with Parametrix Inc., to

provide development of the urban forest operations and maintenance project in the amount of \$80,000.00 and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Task Assignment substantially in the form as submitted.”

Item 6. **Redondo Manhole Replacement Project – Construction Contract Award**

Motion: “I move to approve the Public Works Contract with AA Asphaltting (Contractor) for the Redondo Manhole Replacement Project in the amount of \$81,560 and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Contract substantially in the form as submitted.”

Item 7. **2026 Field House Maintenance**

Motion: “I move to approve the Public Works Contract with Long Painting Company in the amount of \$57,006.14 and the MacDonald-Miller Proposal #1295CW v2 in the amount of \$54,321.22 for 2026 Field House Maintenance, authorize a project construction contingency in the amount of \$13,500.00, and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Public Works Contract and Proposal substantially in the forms as submitted.”

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the Consent Agenda as read, seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.

Councilmember JC Harris pulled Consent Agenda Item #3.

The remainder of the Consent Agenda passed 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #3.

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to enact Draft Resolution No. 26-016 and authorize the allocation of \$31,264 from the City of Des Moines’s contribution to the SKHHP Housing Capital Fund to finance affordable housing in South King County communities in concurrence with the SKHHP Executive Board’s recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz. Motion Passed 6-1.

For: Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1. **Planning Commission Appointments - 30 Minutes**

Staff Presentation:

Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director

- Planning Commission applicants introduced themselves to the Council for consideration of appointment.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to the appointment of Danielle Anderson, Traci Buxton, Charles Coleman, Michelle Curry, Barton DeLacy, Colleen Gants, and Nicole Gunkle to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion 7-0.

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to appoint Danielle Anderson, Traci Buxton, Michelle Curry, and Barton DeLacy to four-year terms and Charles Coleman, Colleen Gants and Nicole Gunkle to two-year terms; seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion 7-0.

Item 2. **Sixgill Shark Commemorative Street Name - 10 Minutes**

Staff Presentation:

Tommy Owen, City Engineer

- City Engineer Tommy Owen presented Council with a Sixgill Shark Commemorative Street Name PowerPoint Presentation.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to enact Draft Resolution No. 26-015, establishing a commemorative name of "Sixgill Shark Way" for the section of Redondo Way South between Redondo Beach Drive South and the jurisdictional boundary with Federal Way to the southeast, seconded by Councilmember Robyn Desimone.

Motion Passed 7-0.

Item 3. **Salary Commission Ordinance - 1st Reading - 10 Minutes**

Staff Presentation:

Matt Hutchins, Assistant City Attorney

- Assistant City Manager AJ Johnson-Newton presented Council a PowerPoint Presentation regarding a Salary Commission Ordinance.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass Draft Ordinance No. 26-001 to a second reading on the next available regular Council meeting agenda, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 6-1.

For: Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger, Councilmember Pierre Blossé, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

Item 4. **\$10 Car Tab Fee Increase - 1st Reading** - 10 Minutes

Staff Presentation:

Matt Hutchins, Assistant City Attorney

- Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins presented Council a PowerPoint Presentation regarding \$10 Car Tab Fee Increase.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass Draft Ordinance No. 25-080, to a second reading on the next available regular City Council meeting agenda, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. **New Agenda Items for Consideration** - 5 Minutes

- Councilmember Robyn DeSimone proposed discussing derelict properties and City fines and code enforcement.
Council Supported.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

COUNCILMEMBER PIERRE BLOSSE

- Nonprofit and Affiliates Summit

COUNCILMEMBER HARRY STEINMETZ

- Did not turn on Microphone ~ No Sound

COUNCILMEMBER JC HARRIS

- King County Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
- Commercial Aviation Work Group

- Port of Seattle Commission Meeting

COUNCILMEMBER ROBYN DESIMONE

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER JEREMY NUTTING

- No Report

DEPUTY MAYOR GENE ACHZIGER

- Council Retreat
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Nonprofit and Affiliates Summit
- Waterland Festival Meeting

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Nonprofit and Affiliates Summit
- Des Moines Waterland Pride Drag Queen Bingo
- Des Moines Yacht Club Swap Meet
- Judson Park Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- Sound City Association Public Issues Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Labor Negotiations under RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) and Sale or Lease of Public Property - RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) - 25 Minutes

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui at 8:19 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Present:

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger; Councilmember Pierre Blossé, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, and Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey; Assistant City Manager Adrienne Johnson-Newton; and City Attorney Tim George.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold an Executive Session to discuss the Labor Negotiations under RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) and Sale of Lease of Public Property under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

The Executive Session was expected to last 25 minutes until 8:44 p.m.

At 8:43 p.m. Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui extended the Executive Session to 8:50 p.m.

The Special Meeting lasted 31 minutes and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

No formal action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 26, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Pierre Blossé to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.