



MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, March 26, 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 Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui; Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger; Councilmember Pierre Blosse, Councilmember Robyn Desimone, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, 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; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; IT Manager Chris Pauk; 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

- There were no Comments from the Public.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- There were no Regional Committee Reports.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

Item 1. **4th of July Event Update** - 10 Minutes
Staff Presentation:
AJ Johnson-Newton, Assistant City Manager

- Assistant City Manager AJ Johnson-Newton gave Council a PowerPoint Presentation update on the 4th of July Event.

Item 2. Des Moines Spring Recycling Collection Event

Item 3. "No Kings" Rally

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. **Approval of Vouchers**
Motion: "I move to approve the payment vouchers through February 26, 2026, in the attached list and further described as follows:"

EFT Vendor Payments #13240 - #13346	\$2,219,719.19
Wires #3260 - #3286	\$973,851.16
Accounts Payable #167403 - #167426	\$240,269.78
Checks	
Voided Checks #12861, #13048	-\$6,784.20
Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll:	\$3,427,055.93

Item 2. **\$10 Car Tab Fee Increase - 2nd Reading**
Motion: "I move to enact Draft Ordinance No. 25-080, increasing car tab fees for vehicles registered in the City of Des Moines transportation benefit district by ten dollars per vehicle."

Item 3. **Salary Commission Ordinance - 2nd Reading**
Motion: "I move to enact Draft Ordinance No. 26-001, creating a salary commission for the City of Des Moines."

Item 4. **King County 2026-2027 Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Award**
Motion: "I move to accept the 2026-2027 King County Solid Waste Division Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant document substantially in the form as attached."

Direction/Action

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

Councilmember JC Harris pulled Consent Item #3 and Consent Item #4

The remainder of the Consent Agenda passed 7-0.

Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #3.

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to enact Draft Ordinance No. 26-001, creating a salary commission for the City of Des Moines; 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

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to accept the 2026-2027 King County Solid Waste Division Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant document substantially in the form as attached; seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.
Motion passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1. **Draft Ordinance 26-009: Appointive Committee Code & Citizens Advisory Board Code Update - 1st Reading - 10 Minutes**
Staff Presentation:
Tara Vaughn, Prosecutor

- City Prosecutor Tara Vaughn presented Council a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Draft Ordinance 26-009 Appointive Committee Code & Citizens Advisory Board Code Update.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to exclude Citizens Advisory Board subcommittees from Open Public Meetings Act requirements and to call them Committees of the CAB, 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

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass Draft Ordinance 26-009 to a second reading on April 9, 2026, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Amended Motion made by Councilmember JC Harris to amend Section 14 to say a minimum of 3 meetings and maximum of 6 meetings per year; seconded by Councilmember Robyn Desimone.
Motion failed 2-4-1

For: Councilmember Robyn Desimone and Councilmember JC Harris.

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

The main motion passed 6-1.

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

Against: Councilmember JC Harris

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. **Presentation of Benchmarking Analysis and Development Impact Model by FCS Group - 50 Minutes**
Staff Presentation:
Katherine Caffrey, City Manager

- FCS Project Manager, Tim Wood, presented Council with a PowerPoint Presentation on the Benchmarking Analysis and Development Impact Model.

Item 2. **Lodging Tax Overview, Process, and Funding Approach Update - 10 Minutes**
Staff Presentation:
AJ Johnson-Newton, Assistant City Manager

- Assistant City Manager AJ Johnson-Newton presented Council with a PowerPoint Presentation update regarding the Lodging Tax Overview, Process, and Funding Approach.

Item 3. **New Agenda Items for Consideration - 10 Minutes**

- There were no new Agenda Items for Consideration

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

COUNCILMEMBER HARRY STEINMETZ

- Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

COUNCILMEMBER JC HARRIS

- Port of Seattle Annual Audit
- Washington Department of Transportation E-bike Rebate Program
- HEPA filters through University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
- Happy Passover and Easter

COUNCILMEMBER ROBYN DESIMONE

- LEAD Learning Collaboration Group

COUNCILMEMBER JEREMY NUTTING

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER PIERRE BLOSSE

- No Report

DEPUTY MAYOR GENE ACHZIGER

- Indivisible No Kings Rally

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Port of Seattle Highline Forum
- Event at Des Moines Theater June 19, 2026 – U.S. vs Australia Game
- Chat with the Mayor at Alinas's Café Monday, March 30, 2026
- Thank you to volunteers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Property Acquisition RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) - 20 Minutes

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui at 7:45 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, Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Staff Present:

City Manager Katherine Caffrey and City Attorney Tim George.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold an Executive Session to discuss the Property Acquisition under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

The Executive Session was expected to last 20 minutes until 8:05 p.m.

The Special Meeting lasted 20 minutes and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

No formal action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 02, 2026 City Council Committee of the Whole and Study Session

ADJOURNMENT**Direction/Action**

Motion made by Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion Passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.