



**MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION**

**City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, May 7, 2026 - 5:00 PM**

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

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

Councilmember Harry Steinmetz arrived at 5:05 p.m.

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; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Planning & Development Services Manager Laura Techico; Land Use Planner Peyton Murphy; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS

Item 1. **Consideration of Letter of Support for the Boeing Access Road Infill Station**

Council discussed a Letter of Support for the Boeing Access Road Infill Station.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to authorize the Deputy Mayor to sign a letter of support to the Sound Transit Board regarding the Boeing Access Road Infill Station consistent with the draft presented and an additional letter be drafted, seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.

Motion Passed 7-0.

Item 2. **Discussion of Tree Regulations**

- Community Development Director Rebecca Deming gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on Tree Regulations.

Council provided recommendations and direction to staff regarding the proposed tree regulations.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 7-0.

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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 Robyn Desimone.

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; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda. Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

- There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1. **Presentation of the City of Des Moines' Draft Strategic Plan - Charting Our Course**

- Nancy Hetrick of Raftelis gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Des Moines Draft Strategic Plan – Charting Our Course.

Council provided feedback and recommendations regarding the Draft Strategic Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 14, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Robyn Desimone to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion Passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.