



MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, May 21, 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 Blossé, Councilmember JC Harris, Councilmember Jeremy Nutting, Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Council Absent:

Councilmember Robyn Desimone

Direction/Action

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger to excuse Councilmember Robyn Desimone, seconded by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting.

Motion Passed 6-0.

Staff Present:

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; Land Use Planner I Alicia Jacobs; Public Works Director Mike Slevin; City Engineer Tommy Owen; Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley; Maintenance Superintendent Adam O'Donnell; Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Tyrone Nesbit; Crew Chief Drew

Koplitz; Senior Maintenance Lead Trevor Bonholzer; Senior Maintenance Lead Mike Drahosz; Maintenance Worker Patrick O'Dell; Maintenance Worker Chelsey Carlton; Maintenance Worker Ian Runland; Traffic Control Specialist Christ Milford; Maintenance Worker Tom George; IT Manager Chris Pauk; and City Clerk Taria Keane.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Item 1. **National Public Works Week Proclamation**
Motion: "I move to approve the proclamation recognizing the week of May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week."

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to approve the proclamation recognizing the week of May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 6-0.

- Mayor Yoshiko Grace Matsui read the National Public Works Week proclamation into the record.

CORRESPONDENCE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Jayme Wagner - Des Moines Farmers Market
- Bernice Warner - Des Moines
- Chris DeLaRosa - Flock
- Judy Grande - Flock
- Christie A - Flock

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger gave Council an update on the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATB) Meeting which was held on May 19, 2026.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

- Item 1. **Presentation by Nelson\ Nygaard on the Findings from the Ferry Pilot Evaluation and Alternatives**

- Consultant Dan Eernisse and Project Manager Greg Manager of Nelson\Nygaard gave Council a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Des

Moines Ferry Pilot Evaluation.

Item 2. **Website Update**

Staff Presentation: Bonnie Wilkins, Director of Administrative Services

- Director of Administrative Services Bonnie Wilkins, along with Allison Daskam, Principal, and Cory Fechner, Analytics and Research Lead, with Principal Art & Science Communications, gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the City's new website.

Item 3. **Update on SB6002 Implementation**

Staff Presentation: Ted Boe, Police Chief

- Chief Ted Boe provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding SB6002 implementation.

Item 4. **Recology Annual Update**

Staff Presentation: Tyler Beekley, Surface Water/Environmental Engineer

- Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley along with Government & Community Relations Manager Allison Campbell provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation on Recology's annual update.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. **Approval of Vouchers**

"I move to approve the payment vouchers through May 6th in the attached list and further described as follows:"

EFT #13583 - \$1,459,672.46

Vendor #13639

Payments

Wires #13583 - \$631,678.39

 #13639

Total Checks and \$2,091,350.85

Wires for A/P:

Item 2. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2026, City Council meeting."

- Item 3. **Des Moines Farmer's Market 2026-2028 Agreement**
Motion: "I move to authorize the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market to conduct the Farmers Market at the Des Moines Marina during the 2026, 2027, and 2028 market seasons, including the Holiday Market, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement substantially in the form as attached."
- Item 4. **Resolution Acknowledging Completion of the 2024 Periodic Update**
Motion: "I move to pass Draft Resolution No. 26-044, Acknowledging the City of Des Moines' Completion of the 2024 Periodic Update Requirements Under the Washington State Growth Management Act."
- Item 5. **North Hill Elementary Walkway Improvements Project Condemnation**
Motion: "I move to pass Draft Ordinance No. 26-045 to a second reading to consider directing the City Attorney to prosecute the eminent domain action in King County Superior Court in a manner provided by law to condemn, take, damage and appropriate real property."

Direction/Action

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

Motion Passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Item 1. **Residential Conversions Ordinance - 1st Reading**
Staff Presentation: Land Use Planner I, Alicia Jacobs
- Land Use Planner I, Alicia Jacobs gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the Residential Conversions Ordinance.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass Draft Ordinance No. 26-035 to a second reading on June 11, 2026, seconded by Councilmember Pierre Blosse.

Motion Passed 6-0.

- Item 2. **Resolution No. 26-050, City of Des Moines Opportunity Zone Application**
Presentation by: Consultant Dan Eernisse
- Consultant Dan Eernisse gave Council a PowerPoint presentation regarding the

City of Des Moines Opportunity Zone application.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass Draft Resolution No. 26-050, expressing support for the city's Opportunity Zone application to the Washington State Department of Commerce and authorizing the Community Development Director to submit the application, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 6-0.

Item 3. **New Agenda Items for Consideration**

- Councilmember Jeremy Nutting asked staff to provide information regarding the maintenance of Marine View Drive after the turnover once 509 is completed. Council supported.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

Councilmember Pierre Blossie

- No Report

Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

- Will be absent from the next meeting

Councilmember JC Harris

- CoHo Release
- Sustainable Airport Master Plan

Councilmember Jeremy Nutting

- No Report

Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger

- No Report

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Citizens Advisory Board Openings
- Des Moines Farmers Market

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 04, 2026 Committee of the Whole and Study Session

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.