



MINUTES
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Thursday, June 25, 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 JC Harris.

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; Assistant Police Chief Cory Stanton; Sergeant Eddie Ochart; Sergeant Eric Morris; Sergeant Nate Chevallier; Police Officer Frank Rios; Patrol Officer Colton Reyes; Patrol Officer Tuan Huynh; Patrol Officer Andy Martinez Deluna; Finance Director Jeff Friend; Judge Lisa Leone; Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Civil Engineer Jeron Griffin; IT Manager Chris Pauk; Communications and Community Programs Analyst Alexandra Reyes; 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

- Pam Cooper - Flock
- Melissa Falcetti - Flock
- Anet Fox - Flock
- Rus Rigley - Shark in the Park
- Christie - Flock
- Chris DelaRosa - Flock
- Cara Haney - Flock
- Kay Thomas - Flock
- Kristin Frerichs - Flock
- Judy Grande - Flock
- Kay Vann - Community

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- Councilmember JC Harris provided an update on the Regional Transit Committee meeting held on June 17, 2026.
- Councilmember Pierre Blosse provided update on the King County Board of Heath meeting which was held on June 18, 2026.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS

Item 1. Recognition of Sergeant Eddie Ochart for 25 Years of Service

- Police Chief Ted Boe recognized Sergeant Eddie Ochart for 25 years of service with the Des Moines Police Department.

Item 2. 2025 4th Quarter Financial Report

- Finance Director Jeff Friend gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the 2025 4th Quarter Financial Report.

Item 3. 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report

- Finance Director Jeff Friend gave Council a PowerPoint presentation on the 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report.

Item 4. Strategic Plan Implementation Update: Economic Vitality

- City Manager Katherine Caffrey along with Community Development Director Rebecca Deming gave Council a PowerPoint presentation update on the Strategic Plan Implementation.

Item 5. **Proposed Letter to Port of Seattle Commissioners**

- Council discussed the proposed letter to the Port of Seattle Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. **Approval of Vouchers**

"I move to approve the payment vouchers through June 10, 2026, and payroll transfers through June 5, 2026, in the attached list and further described as follows:"

EFT Vendor Payments	#13720 - #13790	\$ 1,468,346.03
Wires	#3346 - #3360	\$ 1,336,931.55
Accounts Payable	#167541 - #167548	\$ 111,654.24
Checks		
Voided Checks	#167298	(\$ 70.14)
Payroll Checks	#20072 - #20073	\$ 1,278.58
Payroll Advice	#17747 - #17909	\$ 522,947.07

Total Checks and Wires for A/P & Payroll: \$ 3,441,457.47

Item 2. **NFC Northwest Telecommunications Franchise Agreement - First Reading**

Motion: "I move to pass Draft Ordinance No. 26-055 regarding a telecommunications Franchise Agreement with NFC Northwest, LLC, to a second reading on July 9, 2026."

Item 3. **2026 Stormwater CMP Replacement Project**

Motion: "I move to approve the Public Works Contract with Insituform Technologies for the 2026 Stormwater CMP Replacement Project, in the amount of \$256,385.00, authorize a project construction contingency in the amount of \$25,000.00, and further authorize the City Manager to sign said Contract substantially in the form as submitted."

Item 4. **WSDOT SR 509 Right-of-Way Transfer**

Motion: "I move to accept the Quitclaim Deed from the Washington State Department of Transportation, transferring approximately 1.87 acres of land to the City at no cost to be used exclusively for roadway purposes and further authorize the City Manager to sign the Quitclaim Deed on behalf of the City of Des Moines."

Item 5. **Approval of the City's Strategic Plan**

Motion: "I move to approve the City's Strategic Plan Charting Our Course to guide the City's priorities and goals."

- Item 6. **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointment**
Motion: “I move to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Richard Spicer to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee effective immediately.”

Direction/Action

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Item 1. **Speed Camera Ordinance - First Reading**

- Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins gave Council a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Speed Camera Ordinance.

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Jeremy Nutting to pass Draft Ordinance No. 26-049 to a second reading on the next available regular Council meeting agenda, seconded by Councilmember Harry Steinmetz.

Motion Passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Item 1. **New Agenda Items for Consideration - 10 Minutes**

- Councilmember Pierre Blosse requested that Community Enrichment staff provide Council with an update regarding the discontinuation of the After School Program. – Council supported.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

- Councilmember JC Harris
 - SeaTac Community's Plan - Airport Mitigation Program
- Councilmember Robyn Desimone
 - Men in Black Birthday Bash
- Councilmember Jeremy Nutting
 - No Report
- Councilmember Pierre Blosse
 - USA vs Australia World Cup Watch Party at the Des Moines Theater
 - Soccer Clinic

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- Councilmember Harry Steinmetz
 - Comments were not captured because the microphone was not activated.
- Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger
 - Stars, Stripes, and Sunshine — 4th of July Event

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Soccer Clinic
- Stars, Stripes, and Sunshine – 4th of July Event
- WSDOT Community Input on Low-Income Toll Discount Program
- Community Organizations

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 09, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

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

Motion Passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.