*** DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT ***

The City Council took the following action on items listed in the attached meeting agenda summary. Copies of ordinances, resolutions and other Council action may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office (515) 283-4209. The six-digit number beginning with '26-' preceding each item on the agenda is a roll call number assigned by the City Clerk. Please refer to this number when requesting information or copies.

SUMMARY OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, City Council Chambers
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

January 12, 2026
5:00 PM

SWEARING IN CEREMONY - 4:45PM

Mike Simonson, At-Large
Rob X. Barron, Ward I
Josh Mandelbaum, Ward III

26-0001 1. ROLL CALL: **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**

I Reappointment of the following:

26-0002 (A) City Manager. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0003 (B) City Attorney. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0004 (C) City Clerk. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0005 (D) Chief Deputy City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0006 (E) Chief Deputy City Attorney, Deputy City Attorneys and Assistant City Attorneys. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0007 II Recommendation of Mayor Boesen for appointment of Council Member Joe Gatto as Mayor Pro Tem for Calendar Year 2026. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0008 2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0009 3. APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA * – items 3 through 31: **Moved by Gatto to adopt the balance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

***Note: These are routine items and will be enacted by one roll call vote without separate discussion unless pursuant to Council rules, Council requests an item be removed to be considered separately.**

LICENSES AND PERMITS

26-0010 4. Approving Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(A)	CASEYS STORE #2322	4331 PARK AVE	Class B Retail
(B)	E 25TH ST PUB & GRUB	509 E 25TH ST	Class C Liquor
(C)	EL POLLO RANCHERO	1301 E WATROUS AVE	Class C Liquor
(D)	FAREWAY #183	4313 FLEUR DR	Class E Liquor
(E)	FAST MART	1621 UNIVERSITY AVE	Class E Liquor
(F)	FUZZYS TACO SHOP	300 W MLK JR PKWY 120	Class C Liquor
(G)	GIT N GO STORE #18	6501 SE 14TH ST	Class B Retail
(H)	GIT N GO STORE #24	1142 42ND ST	Class B Retail
(I)	GIT N GO STORE #27	1240 KEOSAUQUA WAY	Class B Retail
(J)	GIT N GO STORE #29	4900 URBANDALE AVE	Class B Retail
(K)	GIT N GO STORE #32	2911 DOUGLAS AVE	Class B Retail
(L)	HIGHLAND PARK POST NO 374	3712 2ND AVE	Class F Retail
(M)	HY VEE #6	420 COURT AVE	Class E Liquor
(N)	HY VEE FOOD STORE #1	3330 MLK JR PKWY	Class E Liquor
(O)	LIFT	222 4TH ST	Class C Liquor
(P)	MAVERIK #5216	5830 SE 14TH ST	Class E Liquor
(Q)	MLK LIQUOR LLC	3424 MLK PKWY	Class E Liquor
(R)	QUIK TRIP #544	3941 SE 14TH ST	Class E Liquor
(S)	TOBACCO OUTLET #521	3301 E EUCLID AVE	Class B Retail

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

(T)	APRES BAR CO	519 PARK ST	5 days

CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CANDLELIGHT CONCERT ON JANUARY 31, 2026.

(U) CAMPBELLS CONCESSIONS 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR IOWA BEEF EXPO ON FEBRUARY 14 - 27, 2026.

26-0011 5. City Clerk to approve Device Retail Permit for Shop N Save #2 at 1372 E. 14th Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Voss.**

26-0012 6. City Clerk to issue Coin Operated Machine Licenses. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

7. Ordering construction of the following:

26-0013 (A) 2026 Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-9-26), Engineer's estimate, $660,000. (Council Communication No. 26-008) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0014 (B) E. Locust Streetscape Repair from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $1,750,000. (Council Communication No. 26-009) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0015 (C) Glendale Abbey Exterior Improvements: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $1,000,000. (Council Communication No. 26-007) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0016 (D) Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $425,000. (Council Communication No. 26-004) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0017 (E) SE Industrial Water Main – E. Army Post Road and SE 45th Street: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $3,150,000. (Council Communication No. 26-005) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0018 (F) Skywalk 2CA, 2C-2D and 2C-3C Exterior Improvements Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $300,000. (Council Communication No. 26-006) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0019 8. Approving Private Construction Contract between Annex Construction of Iowa, LLC and Union at River's Edge, LP for traffic signal improvements at 1600 Indianola Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0020 9. Approving completion and acceptance of Private Construction Contract between Underground Company, Ltd. and Pinnacle of Fleur, LLC for sanitary sewer improvements located at 2710 Fleur Drive. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

10. Accepting completed construction and approving final payment for the following:

26-0021 (A) 16th Street Area Reconstruction and Trail Connection, Shekar Engineering, PLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0022 (B) 2025 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, MPS Engineers, PC d/b/a Kingston Services, PC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0023 (C) Beaverdale Park – Stream Enhancement and Stabilization, TK Grading & Seeding LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0024 (D) E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton Boulevard Improvements, InRoads, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0025 (E) Hamilton Drain Storm Water Improvements Phase 3, RW Excavating Solutions, LC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0026 (F) SE Connector MSE Wall Emergency Repair, GeoStabilization International. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0027 (G) Skywalk 3C-4C & 4E-4F Improvements, Core Construction Services, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

26-0028 11. Levying assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of the Neighborhood Inspection Rental Code, Schedule No. 2026-01. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0029 12. Levying assessments for costs of Public Works tree removal, Schedule No. 2026-01. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0030 13. Deletion of rental inspection assessment at 1556 24th Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

26-0031 14. Approving 1 commercial tax abatement application for work completed in 2025. (Council Communication No. 26-003) **Moved by Gatto to adopt and to approve the application for the total number of years in the applicable exemption schedule, with the schedule to commence with the taxes payable in FY2026/27. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS

15. Approving recommendations from Mayor Boesen for appointments to the following Boards:

26-0032 (A) Metro Waste Authority (MWA) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0033 (B) Wastewater Reclamation Authority Management Agency (WRA) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0034 (C) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0035 (D) Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART) Authority **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0036 (E) Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0037 (F) Polk County Emergency Management Commission **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0038 (G) Warren County Emergency Management Commission **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0039 (H) Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC) Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0040 (I) Invest DSM Board **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0041 (J) Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC) Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0042 (K) Housing Solutions Alliance (HSA) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0043 (L) Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF) Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0044 (M) Iowa Confluence Water Trails (ICON) Board **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0045 (N) Blank Park Zoo Foundation Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0046 (O) Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0047 (P) Des Moines Arts Festival Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0048 (Q) Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0049 (R) Aging Resources of Central Iowa Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0050 (S) Four Mile Creek Watershed Management Authority **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0051 (T) Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0052 (U) Downtown DSM, Inc. Board **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0053 (V) Bravo Greater Des Moines Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0054 (W) Des Moines Art Center Board of Trustees **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0055 (X) Des Moines Performing Arts Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0056 (Y) IMPACT Community Action Partnership **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0057 (Z) Catch Des Moines Board **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0058 (AA) Greater Des Moines Partnership Executive Board of Directors **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0059 (BB) Warren County Economic Development Corporation **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0060 (CC) Polk County Conference Board **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0061 16. Recommendation from Mayor Boesen to appoint Benjamin Reed to the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, Seat 8, with a term expiring April 1, 2027. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0062 17. Communication from Pete Rounds advising of his resignation from the Civil Service Commission, Seat 6, effective immediately. **Moved by Gatto to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for his service. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

18. Number not used.

26-0063 19. Approving the appointment of Emily Solis-Bernal to the Youth Advisory Board for a term expiring July 31, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

26-0064 20. On request from Austin Gilliam (Owner) to amend the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to revise the future land use classification of the property from Business Park to Low Density Residential, and to rezone 3601 SW 56th Street from "EX" Mixed-Use District to "N2b" Neighborhood District to allow reconstruction of a one-household dwelling unit, (1-26-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0065 21. On request from Evergreen, LLC (Sukhvir Kaur, Officer) for property located at 4540 Lower Beaver Road to amend the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to revise the future land use classification for the property from Low-Medium Density Residential to Neighborhood Mixed Use, and to rezone the property from "NX2" Neighborhood Mix District to Limited "RX1" Mixed-Use District to allow reuse of an existing non-conforming auto repair building for an ice cream shop with drive-through, (1-26-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0066 22. On request from Jacobo Valderrabano Hernandez and Ofelia Perez Santoz (Contract Buyers) to rezone two (2) parcels located in the vicinity of 3214 E. 14th Street from "MX1" Mixed-Use District to Limited "MX3" Mixed-Use District to allow a tire repair shop use, (1-26-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0067 23. On request from Zion Capital Group, LLC (Ryan Campos, Officer) to amend the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to revise the future land use classification of the property from Neighborhood Mixed Use to High Density Residential, and to rezone the property located in the vicinity of 2453 E. Grand Avenue from Limited "RX1" Mixed-Use District to Limited "RX1" Mixed-Use District to allow the property to contain up to ten (10) dwelling units, including six (6) dwelling units within the existing structure and four (4) dwelling units within a structure on the southern portion of the property, (1-26-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0068 24. On the Status of Funding Activities (SOFA) for Community Development Block Grant Funds to prepare for, prevent, and respond to Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), as passed through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), (1-26-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

APPROVING

26-0069 25. Forgiveness and release of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program recorded documents against 350 E. Locust Street. (Council Communication No. 26-010) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0070 26. Collateral Assignment of Urban Renewal Development Agreement with Riverview Parking LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Mandelbaum declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.**

26-0071 27. Revocation of Declaration of Covenant required for the operation of a sidewalk café generally located at 218 E. 2nd Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Mandelbaum declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.**

26-0072 28. An engagement letter with KPMG for Information Technology (IT) auditing services as provided under the City's Cybersecurity Insurance Policy. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0073 29. Abatement of public nuisance at 3244 E. University Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0074 30. Procurement of pool maintenance and repairs from Fischer Brothers, LLC (Andrew and Nathaniel Fischer, Owners) not to exceed $150,000 per year. (Council Communication No. 26-011) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0075 31. Authorizing Finance Director to draw checks on registers for the weeks of January 12 and 19, 2026; to draw checks for the bills of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for the weeks of January 12 and 19, 2026; to draw checks for biweekly payroll due January 23, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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HEARINGS (OPEN AT 5:00PM) (ITEMS 32 THRU 33)

26-0076 32. On vacation of a portion of Des Moines Street right-of-way located west of Robert D. Ray Drive. **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0077 (A) First consideration of ordinance above. **Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0078 (B) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. **Moved by Mandelbaum that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #16,530. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0079 33. On an appeal from Noah Brinkmeyer of the Historic Preservation Commission's decision to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness on a request from Colbert Properties (owner), represented by Jon Bassett (architect), to construct a new house and garage at 1917 Center Street in the Sherman Hill Local Historic District. (Council Communication No. 26-001) (A) Affirm the decision. **Moved by Simonson to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motios Carried 6-1. Nays: Westergaard.**

*****END HEARINGS AT 5:31 PM*****

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

26-0080 34. Requests to speak as follows: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Richard Sopher
(B) Kevin Marken
(C) Peter Clay
(D) Laural Clinton
(E) Veola Perry
(F) Margaret Wright **Motion by Gatto to receive and file document. Motion Carried 7-0.**
(G) Carolyn Uhlenhake-Walker
(H) Debra Carr **Motion by Gatto to receive and file document. Motion Carried 7-0.**
(I) Kathy Hellstern

26-0081 MOTION TO ADJOURN. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 6:03PM. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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