*** 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
1200 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

February 9, 2026
5:00 PM

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY – 4:00 PM
Lobby of T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administration Building
1200 Locust Street

PROCLAMATION – 4:45 PM

Black History Month

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – 4:50 PM

Prairie Meadows/Polk County Check Presentation

26-0145 1. ROLL CALL: **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**

26-0146 2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0147 3. APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA * – items 3 through 42: **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

26-0148 4. Approving Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0. Council Member Gatto declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting on items 4A and 4B..**

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

*(A)	BARATTAS RESTAURANT	7401 SW 9TH ST	Class C Liquor
*(B)	CAFE BARATTAS	600 E LOCUST ST	Class C Liquor
(C)	CASEYS STORE #2244	2150 E ARMY POST RD	Class B Retail
(D)	CASEYS STORE #3518	1907 ARMY POST RD	Class E Liquor
(E)	CASH SAVER #34	4121 FLEUR DR	Class E Liquor
(F)	DES MOINES BIERGARTEN	2251 GEORGE FLAGG	Special Class C
(G)	DISTRICT	212 4TH ST	Class C Liquor
(H)	EL TOREADO MEXICAN	4521 FLEUR DR	Class C Liquor
(I)	FIVE STARZ RESTAURANT	1951 INDIANOLA AVE	Class C Liquor
(J)	LA TAPATIA 2	3504 MERLE HAY RD	Class B Retail
(K)	LACHELES FINE FOODS	3619 6TH AVE	Class C Liquor
(L)	LACRUZ #3	3900 E 14TH ST #1	Class B Retail
(M)	MERLE HAY LIQUOR & SMOKE	3408 MERLE HAY RD	Class E Liquor
(N)	PRIMOS TEX MEX BAR & GRILL	1140 E ARMY POST RD	Class C Liquor
(O)	TUPELO HONEY HOSPITALITY	665 GRAND AVE	Class C Liquor

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

(P) APRES BAR CO — 100 LOCUST ST — 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CANDLELIGHT CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026.

(Q) APRES BAR CO — 519 PARK ST — 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DUNGEON COCKTAIL EXPERIENCE ON FEBRUARY 20 - 21, 2026.

(R) HY VEE — 100 LOCUST ST — 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR AN EVENT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026.

(S) SALISBURY HOUSE & GARDENS — 4025 TONAWANDA DR — 5 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR HIGH TEA ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026.

(T) TOP IT OFF LIQUID CATERING 430 E GRAND AVE 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR IPPA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2026.

26-0149 5. Denial of Special Class C Liquor License application for Tafari Restaurant at 3900 E. 14th Street. **Moved by Gatto to deny the license. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0150 6. City Clerk to issue Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permits for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Voss.**

NEW APPLICATION

(A) MOE SHOP 1309 UNIVERSITY AVE

26-0151 7. City Clerk to approve Device Retailer Permits for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Voss.**

NEW APPLICATIONS

(A) BEST FOOD MART 4028 E 14TH ST
(B) FAST MART 1621 UNIVERSITY AVE

26-0152 8. City Clerk to issue Coin Operated Machine Licenses. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

9. Ordering construction of the following:

26-0153 (A) 2026 Citywide Sidewalk and Pedestrian Ramp Replacement Program: Receiving of bids, (2-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (3-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $600,000. (Council Communication No. 26-039) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0154 (B) 2026 HMA Resurfacing Program Contract 1: Receiving of bids, (2-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (3-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $1,370,000. (Council Communication No. 26-040) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0155 (C) Cheatom Park Improvements: Receiving of bids, (2-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (3-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $380,000. (Council Communication No. 26-041) **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0156 (D) SW 1st Street Bridge Lighting Improvements: Receiving of bids, (2-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (3-23-26), Engineer's estimate, $188,500. (Council Communication No. 26-042) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0157 10. Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for additional professional services for Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape – 31st Street to 35th Street, not to exceed $490,561. (Council Communication No. 26-037) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0158 11. Approving Private Construction Contract between Elder Corporation and Polk County Conservation Board for Paving and Storm Sewer Improvements in Fourmile Park Trailhead, $95,782. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Gatto declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.**

12. Approving completion and acceptance of Private Construction Contracts for the following:

26-0159 (A) Storm Sewer Improvements for 95 E. 5th Street, between Estes Company, LLC d/b/a Estes Construction and Des Moines Prep Facilities LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0160 (B) Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 7, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and J. Larson Homes, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0161 (C) Storm Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 7, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and J. Larson Homes, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0162 (D) Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 8, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and Oakstone Homes of Iowa, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0163 (E) Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 9, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and Oakstone Homes of Iowa, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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

26-0164 (A) 2025 Pedestrian Ramp Replacement Program, TK Concrete, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0165 (B) Ingersoll Avenue Improvements from 28th Street to 31st Street, Corell Contractor, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0166 (C) McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from South Union Street to SW 9th Street, All Star Concrete, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0167 (D) SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement, Minturn, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0168 (E) Western Ingersoll Run Sewer Separation Phase 1, MPS Engineers, PC d/b/a Kingston Services, PC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

26-0169 14. Levying assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of the Neighborhood Inspection Rental Code, Schedule No. 2026-02. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

26-0170 15. Acceptance of real estate documents from Viridescent 1656, LLC, MRL Enterprises LLC, and Jose Eduardo Molinero Velazquez for voluntary acquisition of property located at 1656 and 1700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, $188,000. (Council Communication No. 26-043) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0171 16. Dedicating City-owned property in the vicinity of George Flagg Parkway and SW 28th Street as right-of-way. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0172 17. Dedicating a portion of City-owned property northeast of Van Buren Street between SE 1st Street and SE 6th Street as parkland and naming the park as Principal Point Park. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0173 18. Approval of final subdivision plat for Northridge 80|35 Business Park Plat 2, located at 1200 and 1300 E. Broadway Avenue. (Council Communication No. 26-047) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0174 19. Approving 4 commercial and 225 residential tax abatement applications for work completed in 2025. **Moved by Gatto to adopt and to approve the applications 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

26-0175 20. Recommendation from Council Member Simonson to appoint Anthony Zarzycki to the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission, Seat 2, with a term expiring April 5, 2027. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0176 21. Recommendation from Council Member Simonson to reappoint Ryan Ellsworth to the Historic Preservation Commission, Seat 5, for a term expiring October 18, 2028. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0177 22. Recommendation from Council Member Simonson to reappoint Joel Potter to the Parks and Recreation Board, Seat 3, for a term expiring June 30, 2028. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0178 23. Communication from John Erpelding advising of his resignation from the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 5, effective immediately. **Moved by Gatto to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for his service. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0179 24. Recommendation from Council Member Simonson to appoint Clayton Elwell to the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 5, with a term expiring July 6, 2026. **Moved by Simonson to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0180 25. Communication from Emily Webb advising of her resignation from the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 15, effective immediately. **Moved by Gatto to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for her service. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0181 26. Recommendation from Council Member Gatto to appoint Dominic Anania to the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 15, with a term expiring July 3, 2028. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Barron and Mandelbaum.**

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

26-0182 27. On vacation of air rights within portions of E. 16th Street and E. Grand Avenue right-of-way adjoining 1600 E. Grand Avenue and conveyance of a Permanent Easement for Air Space above City-Owned Property to Francisco J. Plesent Living Trust and Maria Araceli Pena, $100, (2-23-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

APPROVING

26-0183 28. First Amendment to Urban Renewal Development Agreement with JR Partners, LLC for the historic renovation of 401 E. Court Avenue. (Council Communication No. 26-034) **Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0184 29. Minimum Assessment Agreements for 601 Army Post Road and 403 E. Jackson Avenue as required for commercial tax abatement. (Council Communication No. 26-035) **Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0185 30. Issuance of certificate of completion to 36 on 6th, LLC for renovation of 3614 6th Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0186 31. Skywalk Agreement with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Iowa. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0187 32. Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. (6AC). (Council Communication No. 26-033) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0188 33. 2025 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report and authorization for the Mayor's signature for submittal to the Iowa Economic Development Authority. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0189 34. Use of various City Facilities as poll sites for precincts 24 and 54 for the Polk County General Election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to approve. City Clerk will notify the Parks Department to arrange access to the buildings. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0190 35. Abatement of public nuisance at 1302 Williams Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0191 36. Release of fire escrow at 4300 SE 10th Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0192 37. Confidentiality Agreement with Ramaker & Associates, Inc., potential vendor for cemetery information management system software for use by the Parks and Recreation Department. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0193 38. $130,000 in additional funds for the Information Technology Relocation Project Management Consulting Services contract with Experis US, LLC pursuant to Sourcewell Agreement and City contract, not to exceed $406,268. (Council Communication No. 26-046) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

39. Number not used.

26-0194 40. Increase of $75,000 in annual funding for a total annual contract estimated amount of $175,000 for snow removal services with J & J Concrete, Inc. (Council Communication No. 26-032) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0195 41. Contract with Air Cleaning Technologies, Inc. for installation of source capture vehicle exhaust extraction system, not to exceed $587,500. (Council Communication No. 26-048) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0196 42. Authorizing Finance Director to draw checks on registers for the weeks of February 9 and 16, 2026; to draw checks for the bills of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for the weeks of February 9 and 16, 2026; to draw checks for biweekly payroll due February 20, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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HEARINGS (OPEN AT 5:00PM.) (ITEMS 43 THRU 44)

26-0197 43. On request from Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, Inc (Ryan Doyle, Officer) for two (2) parcels in the vicinity of 1530 Arlington Avenue, to rezone the property from "N5" Neighborhood District to "N5-2" Neighborhood District, to allow subdivision of the property for construction of three (3) two-household buildings (duplexes), with a total of six (6) residential dwelling units. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0198 (A) First consideration of ordinance above. **Moved by Barron that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0199 (B) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. **Moved by Barron 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, #16,536. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0200 44. On 2026 Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Iowa Signal, Inc. (Wayne Lesley, President), $525,801.41. (Council Communication No. 26-038) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0201 (A) Approving contract and bond. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

*****END HEARINGS AT 5:05 PM*****

ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION

26-0202 45. Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code relating to community recreation center building admission and rental fees. (Council Communication No. 26-044) **Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0203 (A) Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Ben Page, Parks and Recreation Director), requires six votes. **Moved by Gatto 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, #16,537. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0204 46. Amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code relating to definitions and the powers and duties of the Access Advisory Board. **Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0205 (A) 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, #16,538. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0206 47. Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: (Council Communication No. 26-036) **Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Traffic Control Modification and Code Corrections – Indianola Avenue and Jackson Avenue.
(B) Parking and Traffic Control Modifications – Gray's Station:
  (1) Gray's Parkway from SW 11th Street to SW 16th Street.
  (2) Murphy Street from SW 11th Street to SW 16th Street.
  (3) Tuttle Street from SW 11th Street to SW 16th Street.
  (4) SW 13th Street from Tuttle Street to Gray's Parkway.
  (5) SW 14th Street from Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway to Gray's Parkway.
(C) Parking Modifications – Clark Street from 19th Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.
(D) Parking Modifications – Carter Court:
  (1) E. 45th Street from E. Aurora Avenue to E. Twana Drive.
  (2) E. Twana Drive from E. 45th Street to E. 46th Street.
(E) Parking Modifications – Woodbury Plat 2:
  (1) Walnut Ridge Drive from E. 56th Street to Brook View Avenue.
  (2) Woodbury Court from Walnut Ridge Drive to the dead end to the north.

26-0207 (F) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. **Moved by Gatto 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, #16,539. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0208 MOTION TO ADJOURN. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 5:25 PM. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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