*** 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 23, 2026
5:00 PM

I. **CLOSED SESSION – 3:45 PM**

26-0209 (A) Roll Call. **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**

26-0210 (B) Recess, and reconvene in closed session pursuant to Section 21.5, subsection 1, paragraph C, of the Iowa Code, to discuss as necessary strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent, where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the City. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried upon roll call 7-0.**

26-0211 (C) Closed Session.

26-0212 (D) Terminate closed session and reconvene in open session. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0213 (E) Motion to adjourn. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 4:27 PM. Second by Barron. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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26-0214 1. ROLL CALL: **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**

26-0215 2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0216 3. APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA * – items 3 through 41: **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

26-0217 4. Approving Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

NEW APPLICATIONS

(A)	BOTTOMS UP TAP	1500 SE 1ST ST	Class C Liquor
(B)	CAFE MADELEINE	218 6TH AVE	Special Class C
~~(C)~~	~~EL RINCON CUBANO~~	~~1452 2ND AVE~~	~~Class C Liquor~~

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(D)	ANNIES IRISH PUB	204 3RD ST	Class C Liquor
(E)	BELLHOP	440 E GRAND AVE	Class C Liquor
(F)	CENTRAL CITY LIQUOR	1460 2ND AVE	Class E Liquor
(G)	CHUCKS	3608 6TH AVE	Class C Liquor
(H)	EAST END LIQUOR	3804 HUBBELL AVE	Class E Liquor
(I)	EL POLLO CATRACHO	4100 SE 14TH ST	Class C Liquor
(J)	ERNIES BOONDOCK	440 E GRAND AVE #A	Class C Liquor
(K)	ESCAPE CHAMBERS	338 SW 6TH ST	Class C Liquor
(L)	ESTRADAS	3029 MERLE HAY RD	Class C Liquor
(M)	GATEWAY MARKET MLK	2002 WOODLAND AVE	Class C Liquor
(N)	GIT N GO STORE #28	3274 E UNIVERSITY AVE	Class B Retail
(O)	GRANDVIEW GOLF COURSE	2401 E 29TH ST	Class C Liquor
(P)	H & A MINI MART	5901 FLEUR DR	Class E Liquor
(Q)	HAMPTON INN DES MOINES	5001 FLEUR DR	Class B Retail
(R)	HILTON DES MOINES	435 PARK ST	Class C Liquor
(S)	MACCABEES DELI & JUDAICA	1150 POLK BLVD	Class B Retail
(T)	OAK PARK RESTAURANT	3901 INGERSOLL AVE	Class C Liquor
(U)	TRUMANS KC PIZZA TAVERN	400 SE 6TH ST	Class C Liquor
(V)	VICKIES	2801 2ND AVE	Class C Liquor

(W)	WEST END LOUNGE	2309 FOREST AVE	Class C Liquor
(X)	WILLOW ON GRAND	6011 GRAND AVE	Class C Liquor
(Y)	WOOLYS	504 E LOCUST ST	Class C Liquor

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

(Z)	ANNIES IRISH PUB	204 3RD ST	5 days

CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ST PATRICKS DAY STREET PARTY ON MARCH 17, 2026.

(AA)	APRES BAR CO	100 LOCUST ST	5 days

CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A WEDDING ON MARCH 6, 2026.

(BB)	APRES BAR CO	100 LOCUST ST	5 days

CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CANDLELIGHT CONCERT ON MARCH 14, 2026.

26-0218 4-I Consideration of 5-day Class C Liquor License for Great Caterers of Iowa at 1810 Army Post Road for Whitetails Unlimited on March 7, 2026. Sponsor: Mayor Boesen. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0219 5. City Clerk to issue Coin Operated Machine Licenses. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

6. Ordering construction of the following:

26-0220 (A) 2026 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Program: Receiving of bids, (3-10-26) and Setting date of hearing, (4-6-26), Engineer's estimate, $525,000. (Council Communication No. 26-058) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0221 (B) Birdland Park Phase 1B Improvements: Receiving of bids, (3-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (4-20-26), Engineer's estimate, $7,400,000. (Council Communication No. 26-059) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0222 7. Approving and authorizing execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) City Highway Bridge Program (HBP) agreement for the SW 9th Street Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation project. (Council Communication No. 26-061) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0223 8. Approving and authorizing execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) agreement for the SE 14th Street (US 69) Corridor Adaptive Signal Control project. (Council Communication No. 26-062) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0224 9. Approving and authorizing execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Cooperative Agreement and Urban-State Traffic Engineering Program (U-STEP) agreement for the Traffic Signal Replacement at Merle Hay Road and Meredith Drive and I-80/I-35 project. (Council Communication No. 26-060) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0225 10. Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Shive-Hattery, Inc. for additional professional services for East Court Avenue Improvement Project (Des Moines River to E. 14th Street), not to exceed $96,000. (Council Communication No. 26-051) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0226 11. Accepting completed construction and approving final payment for 2025 HMA Resurfacing Program Contract 1, OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Des Moines Asphalt & Paving. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

26-0227 12. Levying Assessments for costs of Nuisance Abatement-NAC Emergency Orders (Neighborhood Services), Schedule No. 2026-02. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

13. Deletion of NAC – Emergency Assessments at the following:

26-0228 (A) 1175 21st Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
26-0229 (B) 4115 SE 8th Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

26-0230 14. Partially releasing subdivision bond for Stanton Ridge, located in the vicinity of 2300 Stanton Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0231 15. Approving authorization to negotiate purchase agreements for the voluntary acquisition of property located at 206, 208 and 210 Euclid Avenue, not to exceed $600,000. (Council Communication No. 26-050) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS

16. Recommendation from Council Member Barron to appoint the following:

26-0232 (A) Joshua Baker to the Urban Design Review Board, Seat 4, with a term expiring June 30, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0233 (B) Laura Rodriguez to the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission, Seat 4, with a term expiring April 6, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0234 17. Communication from York Taenzer advising of his resignation from the Historic Preservation Commission, Seat 3, effective immediately. **Moved by Gatto to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for his service. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0235 18. Recommendation from Mayor Boesen to appoint York Taenzer to the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, Seat 15, with a term expiring April 1, 2027. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

26-0236 19. On request from Sherman Lodge #576 Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Sara Sue Zylstra, Officer) to amend the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to revise the future land use classification of the property from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Mixed Use, and to rezone the property located at 2340 E. 9th Street from "N5" Neighborhood District to Limited "RX2" Mixed Use District, to allow reuse of an existing building as a small event venue, (3-9-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0237 20. On vacation of the east/west alley right-of-way adjoining 1541 8th Street and conveyance to the Des Moines Independent Community School District, (3-9-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0238 21. On approval of the 2025 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, (3-23-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0239 22. To receive oral or written testimony from any resident or property owner of Des Moines on the proposed property tax amount for fiscal year 2027, (3-23-26 at 7:30 AM). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LEGAL DEPARTMENT - CLAIM SETTLEMENTS & BILLINGS

26-0240 23. Approving payment to Action Auto Body and Enterprise Rent-A-Car on behalf of Hen Ku for a property claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0241 24. Approving payment to Alexandra Hubbell and Jon Van Hemert for a property claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Mayor Boesen declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.**

26-0242 25. Approving payment to Ted and Cindy Erickson for a property claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

APPROVING

26-0243 26. Request to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for additional Community Development Block Grant funds to prepare for, prevent, and respond to Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) for shelter operations. (Council Communication No. 26-065) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0244 27. Urban Renewal Development Agreement with JDS Real Estate Investments, LLC for the historic rehabilitation and redevelopment of the existing 3-story office building at 108 3rd Street. (Council Communication No. 26-069) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

28. Items related to OpenLoop Health, Inc.: (Council Communication No. 26-049)

26-0245 (A) Approving termination of Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) contract under the High Quality Jobs (HQJ) Program for OpenLoop Health, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0246 (B) Approving 1st Amendment to the Development Agreement with OpenLoop Health, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0247 29. Authorizing satisfaction of judgment liens impacting 1196 9th Street, 1331 13th Street, 1245 21st Street and 37 E. Gray Street. (Council Communication No. 26-067) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0248 30. First amendment to the 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality, Polk County, City of Des Moines and Des Moines Water Works for the Central Iowa Cover Crop Seeder Project. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0249 31. Release of private redevelopment agreement with Riverview DSM LLC (f/k/a Court Avenue Partners) for the property at 218 E. 2nd Street. (Council Communication No. 26-070) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Mandelbaum declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.**

26-0250 32. Submittal of application for funding to the 2027 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Law Enforcement Highway Safety Grant Program. (Council Communication No. 26-068) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0251 33. Waiver and consent to conflict of interest in representation by Ahlers & Cooney, PC of the Des Moines Independent Community School District in negotiating bus transportation agreement for Parks and Recreation summer camp. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

WITHDRAWN

26-0252 34. ~~Initial consideration of request for honorary naming of 34th Street between University Avenue and Forest Avenue as "Agha Street" and refer to the Plan and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation~~.

26-0253 35. Accepting proposal and authorizing contract with Crow's Auto Service, Inc. for vehicle towing, storage and auctioneering services. (Council Communication No. 26-072) Motion by Mandelbaum to adopt with amendments submitted. Second by Barron. FAILED 2-5. Nays: Boesen, Simonson, Voss Westergaard and Gatto. **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Barron and Mandelbaum.**

26-0254 36. Application to Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Program for enhanced specialized communication for regional water, technical rescue and hazmat operations. (Council Communication No. 26-071) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0255 37. Communication from the Greater Des Moines Partnership on behalf of the Iowa State Fair requesting approval of placement for up to 30 banners to be displayed on banner poles in downtown Des Moines beginning the first week of July 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

38. Abatement of public nuisances at the following:

26-0256 (A) 3236 N. Union Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0257 (B) 3014 Scott Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

39. Communication of fire escrows at the following:

26-0258 (A) 135 and 137 E. Leach Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to receive and file and to direct the City Attorney to bring legal action within one hundred eighty (180) days of email notice dated January 14, 2026, if owner(s) has not demolished or renovated the structure. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0259 (B) 2400 Watrous Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to receive and file and to direct the City Attorney to bring legal action within one hundred eighty (180) days of email notice dated January 14, 2026, if owner(s) has not demolished or renovated the structure. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0260 40. One (1) time FY26 contract increase to GL Dodge City LLC (Stew Hansen Dodge City) to accommodate projected auto body repair services for the remainder of the fiscal year (FY), allowing Fleet Services to coordinate future vehicle repairs for various City departments. (Council Communication No. 26-063) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0261 41. Authorizing Finance Director to draw checks on registers for the weeks of February 23 and March 2, 2026; to draw checks for the bills of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for the weeks of February 23 and March 2, 2026; to draw checks for biweekly payroll due March 6, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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HEARINGS (OPEN AT 5:00 PM) (ITEMS 42 THRU 47)

26-0262 42. 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. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0263 (A) First consideration of ordinance above. **Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0264 (B) Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the applicant), 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, #16,540. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0265 43. On East Locust Streetscape Repair from Des Moines River to East 7th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as InRoads, LLC (Joseph J. Manatt, CEO), $1,590,789. (Council Communication No. 26-052) **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0266 (A) Approval of contract and bond. **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0267 44. On Glendale Abbey Exterior Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Bi-State Masonry, Inc. (Chris Belser, President), $705,825. (Council Communication No. 26-056) **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0268 (A) Approving contract and bond. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0269 45. On Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Caliber Concrete, LLC (Jason Martin, Owner), $259,272.27. (Council Communication No. 26-054) **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0270 (A) Approval of contract and bond. **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0271 46. On SE Industrial Water Main – East Army Post Road and Southeast 45th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Thorpe Contracting LLC (Tommy Thorpe, Owner), $2,226,515.16. (Council Communication No. 26-053) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0272 (A) Approval of contract and bond. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0273 47. On Skywalk 2CA, 2C-2D and 2C-3C Exterior Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Bergstrom Construction, Inc. (Tom Gorgas, President), $391,500. (Council Communication No. 26-055) **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0274 (A) Approval of contract and bond. **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

*****END HEARINGS AT 5:12 PM*****

ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION

26-0275 48. Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: (Council Communication No. 26-057) **Moved by Westergaard that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Parking Modification – On-street parking changes related to the Euclid Avenue Improvements from Des Moines River to York Street project:
  (1) 6th Avenue between Euclid Avenue and Douglas Avenue.
  (2) Euclid Avenue between 3rd Street and 6th Avenue.
(B) Parking Modification – SW 7th Street between Wall Avenue and Porter Avenue.
(C) Turn Restriction Modification – 6th Avenue and Euclid Avenue.
(D) Parking Modification – Locust Street between 12th Street and 13th Street.
(E) Parking Modification – 12th Street between Walnut Street and Mulberry Street.

26-0276 (F) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. **Moved by Westergaard 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, #16,541. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

26-0277 49. Requests to speak as follows: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Catherine DeAngelis – did not speak.
(B) Carol Maher

26-0278 MOTION TO ADJOURN. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 5:46 PM. Second by Barron. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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