***** 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

April 6, 2026
5:00 PM

I. **CLOSED SESSION – 4:15 PM**

26-0411 (A) Roll Call. **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Barron, Westergaard and Gatto. Absent: Voss and Mandelbaum. Council Member Mandelbaum entered the meeting at 4:16 PM during item I(B). Council Member Voss entered the meeting at 4:19 PM during item I(C).**

26-0412 (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 Barron. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Voss.**

26-0413 (C) Closed Session.

26-0414 (D) Terminate closed session and reconvene in open session. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0415 (E) Motion to adjourn. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 4:49 PM. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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PROCLAMATION – 4:55 PM

Fair Housing Month

26-0416 1. ROLL CALL: **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**

26-0417 2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0418 3. APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA * – items 3 through 37: **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

26-0419 4. Approving Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

NEW APPLICATIONS

(A)	DES MOINES RENAISSANCE	4051 DEAN AVE	Class C Liquor
(B)	LEOS LAUNDROMATS	1424 E OVID AVE	Special Class C

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(C)	BLISS NAILS & BAR	208 4TH ST	Class C Liquor
(D)	CAPITAL CITY MOOSE LODGE	2515 WEDGEWOOD RD	Class F Retail
(E)	CASEYS #3953	3121 FOREST AVE	Class E Liquor
(F)	DES MOINES HERITAGE CENTER	120 E 5TH ST	Class C Liquor
(G)	DES MOINES YACHT CLUB	2617 INGERSOLL AVE	Class C Liquor
(H)	DOLLAR GENERAL #21816	604 LOCUST ST #101	Class B Retail
(I)	FRANCIES	2100 WAKONDA VIEW	Class C Liquor
(J)	GERRIS	232 E 30TH ST	Class C Liquor
(K)	HELLO MARJORIE	717 LOCUST ST #A	Class C Liquor
(L)	LDS CORNER	344 E JACKSON AVE	Class C Liquor
(M)	ROOK ROOM LLC	300 SW 5TH ST #A150	Class C Liquor

(N) ROYAL FOOD & LIQUOR 1443 2ND AVE Class E Liquor

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

(O) APRES BAR CO 100 LOCUST ST 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A CANDLELIGHT CONCERT ON APRIL 18, 2026.

(P) THIRSTY PIGS LLC 2800 UNIVERSITY AVE 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BLACK ALUMNI REUNION BLOCK PARTY ON APRIL 26, 2026.

(Q) THIRSTY PIGS LLC 2700 FOREST AVE 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ALL ALUMNI PAINTED STREET PARTY ON APRIL 25, 2026.

(R) TRIXIES 4118 UNIVERSITY AVE 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A SMALL BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL 16, 2026.

(S) WAT LAO BUDDHAVAS 1806 E PARK AVE 5 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR A FESTIVAL ON APRIL 18 - 19, 2026

OUTDOOR SERVICE APPLICATION

(T) PEGGYS 3020 Forest Ave Class C Liquor
TEMPORARY FOR THE DRAKE RELAYS ON APRIL 20 – 26, 2026.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

5. Ordering construction of the following:

26-0420 (A) Traffic Signal Replacement at Merle Hay Road and Meredith Drive and I-80/I-35: Receiving of bids, (4-21-26) and Setting date of hearing, (5-4-26), Engineer's estimate, $600,000. (Council Communication No. 26-131) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0421 (B) SW 9th Street Rehabilitation from Watrous Avenue to Wolcott Avenue and from Park Avenue to Creston Avenue: Receiving of bids, (4-21-26) and Setting date of hearing, (5-4-26), Engineer's estimate, $1,700,000. (Council Communication No. 26-132) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0422 (C) 2026 Sewer Repair Contract 1: Receiving of bids, (4-21-26) and Setting date of hearing, (5-4-26), Engineer's estimate, $450,000. (Council Communication No. 26-133) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0423 6. Approval of contract and bond for construction of an improvement with an estimated cost below Iowa Code competitive bid threshold, Police Station Vestibule Improvements, Hildreth Construction Services, LLC (Mark R. Hildreth, Owner), $20,617. (Council Communication No. 26-128) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0424 7. Approving completion and acceptance of Private Construction Contract for storm sewer improvements at 6000 SE 14th Street between Edge Commercial, LLC and Menard, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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

26-0425 (A) E. 4th Street Reconstruction from East ML King Jr Parkway to E. Market Street, Absolute Concrete Construction Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0426 (B) 2025 Citywide PCC Pavement Patching Program, TK Concrete, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

26-0427 9. Levying assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of the Neighborhood Inspection Rental Code, Schedule No. 2026-04. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0428 10. Deletion of NAC – Emergency Assessment at 3117 Grand Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

26-0429 11. Approving dedicating street right-of-way for the SE 14th Street Corridor Improvements Project. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS

26-0430 12. Approving updates to the Historic Preservation Commission By-laws. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

26-0431 13. On vacation of a portion of E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway right-of-way lying north of and adjoining 500 SE 7th Street, 506 SE 7th Street and 509 SE 6th Street and conveyance to Market District Apartments, LP for $4,500, (4-20-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0432 14. To correct the 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 Corrected Permanent Easement for Air Space Above City-owned Property to Francisco J. Plesent Living Trust and Maria Araceli Pena, (4-20-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

APPROVING

26-0433 15. Final Terms of an Urban Renewal Development Agreement with UA Station, LLC, for the construction of a 35-unit apartment building located at 2211 University Avenue and approving conceptual development plan. (Council Communication No. 26-120) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0434 16. Support for an application for financial assistance to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) under the Business Investment for Growth (BIG) program for Walsh Door & Security. (Council Communication No. 26-119) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0435 17. Terminating the Agreement with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. (6AC) for the early transfer of funds and direction to return funds to 6AC. (Council Communication No. 26-126) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0436 18. Construction Deferment Agreement with Harvest Academy and acceptance of bond for street and public utility improvements for development in the vicinity of 1803 County Line Road. **Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0437 19. Amended and Restated Minimum Assessment Agreement (MAA) for 4347 Merle Hay Road as required for commercial tax abatement. (Council Communication No. 26-127) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0438 20. Second Amendment to Amended and Restated 28E Agreement with Neighborhood Development Corporation. (Council Communication No. 26-117) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0439 21. Negotiation and execution of donation agreement with Des Moines Parks and Recreation Foundation for concrete buggy. (Council Communication No. 26-122) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0440 22. Procurement of tree purchase and planting services from MB Lawn Care, LLC (Mirnes Becirovic, Owner) for an annual amount of $180,000. (Five compliant bids received). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0441 23. Procurement of a Flygt submersible pump for the SE 15th and Harriet Street stormwater pump station from Electric Pump & Tool Services, Inc. (Tom Miller, President) as requested by the Public Works Department, $119,584. (Council Communication No. 26-116) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0442 24. Collective bargaining agreement with the Central Iowa Public Employees Council (CIPEC) for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. (Council Communication No. 26-121) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0443 25. Submittal of Center Street Park and Ride Facility annual budget to Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) and authorization of budget expenditures. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0444 26. Proposed budget for the Downtown Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0445 27. Proposed budget for the Ingersoll-Grand Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0446 28. Proposed budget for the SW 9th Corridor Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0447 29. Receive and file communication from the Beaverdale SSMID Board regarding the levy for the Beaverdale Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID). (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0448 30. Receive and file communication from the Highland Park SSMID Board regarding the levy for the Highland Park Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID). (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0449 31. Receive and file communication from the Roosevelt Cultural District SSMID Board regarding the levy for the Roosevelt Cultural District Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID). (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0450 32. Receive and file communication from the Sherman Hill SSMID Board regarding the levy for the Sherman Hill Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID). (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0451 33. Declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the City for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0452 34. Fund transfer resolution of the City of Des Moines FY2026. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0453 35. Fund transfer resolution of the City of Des Moines FY2027. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0454 36. Authorizing Finance Director to draw checks on registers for the weeks of April 6 and 13, 2026; to draw checks for the bills of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for the weeks of April 6 and 13, 2026; to draw checks for biweekly payroll due April 17, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

ORDINANCES - FINAL CONSIDERATION

26-0455 37. On vacation of the east/west alley right-of-way adjoining 1541 8th Street. **Moved by Gatto that this ordinance do now pass, #16,545. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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HEARINGS (OPEN AT 5:05 PM.) (ITEMS 38 THRU 47)

26-0456 38. On conveyance of a Permanent Underground Electric Easement on City-owned property located at 100 E. Second Street to MidAmerican Energy Company for the E. First Street Improvements from Iowa Interstate Railroad to E. Court Avenue project. **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0457 39. On conveyance of City owned right-of-way, excess City property, permanent easement for utility purposes and temporary construction easement as part of the Southeast 14th Street Corridor Improvements project to the State of Iowa for $1. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0458 40. On conveyance of vacated north/south alley right-of-way adjoining 1450, 1444, and 1442 2nd Place to Natasha Zagar, Javier A. Servellon Ingles, and USA Properties, LLC for $125. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0459 41. On request from Kent Lehs (Owner) to rezone property located at 3820 11th Street from "N5" Neighborhood District to "NX2" Neighborhood Mix District to allow the conversion of an existing one-household residential building to a group living use. **Moved by Westergaard to DENY the proposed rezoning. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0460 42. On request from C-BUILD, LLC (Mitch Coluzzi, Officer) to rezone a 6.5 acre parcel located in the vicinity of 5600 SE 27th Street (Geo-Parcel # 782425403005) from "N2b" Neighborhood District to Limited "N2b-2" Neighborhood District to allow the construction of up to up to fourteen (14) two-household dwellings (28 units) and three one-household dwelling units. **Moved by Gatto to deny. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Barron and Mandelbaum.**

WITHDRAWN
26-0461 (A) ~~First consideration of ordinance above.~~

WITHDRAWN
26-0462 (B) ~~Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by applicant), requires six votes.~~

26-0463 (C) Receive and file communication from the Development Services Director. **Moved by Simonson to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0464 43. Dismissing hearing on approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, and engineer's estimate on the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Program, due to cancellation of bid process. **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0465 44. On Guthrie Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over the Union Pacific Railroad: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Jasper Construction Services, Inc. (Cliff Rhoads, President), $6,124,564.01. (Council Communication No. 26-130) **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0466 (A) Approval of contract and bond. **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0467 45. On consideration of the recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2026-27 through 2029-30. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0468 46. On amendment to the annual budget for current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0469 47. On proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

*****END HEARINGS AT 5:48 PM*****

ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION

26-0470 48. Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: (Council Communication No. 26-129) **Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Parking Modification – Ingersoll Avenue between 37th Street and 38th Street.
(B) Parking Modification – On-street parking changes related to Hanawalt Elementary School.
  (1) 56th Street between SW 58th Drive and Grand Avenue.
  (2) Robertson Drive between 56th Street and 53rd Street.
(C) Code Correction – Merced Street/Merced Drive between 54th Street and 29th Street.
(D) Code Correction – E. Watrous Avenue between SE 34th Street and SE Brooks Drive.
(E) Code Correction – SE 3rd Street between E. Army Post Road and E. Burnham Avenue.
(F) Speed Limit Modification – Ingersoll Avenue from 14th Street to 42nd Street.
(G) Corner Clearance Parking Restrictions:
  (1) E. 23rd Street and E. Washington Avenue.
  (2) 31st Street and Forest Avenue.

26-0471 (H) 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 all except B(1) Section 114-2949 and B(2) Section 114-3606 #16,546. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0472 49. Amend Section 118-275 of the Municipal Code relating to stormwater charges. (Council Communication No. 26-125) **Moved by Barron that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Gatto.**

26-0473 (A) Final consideration of the ordinance above (waiver requested by Nickolas J. Schaul, Finance Director), 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, #16,547. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Gatto.**

26-0474 50. Establishing the Carpenter TIF District No. 2 in the Carpenter Urban Renewal Area. **Moved by Simonson that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Barron. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0475 51. Amending Ordinance No. 16,443 establishing The Capital City Reinvestment District pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 15J to amend the boundaries of the District and include additional projects. (Council Communication No. 26-118) **Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0476 (A) Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Scott Sanders, City Manager), 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, #16,548. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

26-0477 52. Requests to speak as follows: **Moved by Gatto to receive and file comments. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Benjamin Ward – Did not speak.
(B) Ed Fallon – Did not speak
(C) Justin Kincy – Did not speak.
(D) Bob Haines

26-0478 MOTION TO ADJOURN. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 5:57 PM. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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