*** 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

July 13, 2026
5:00 PM

I. **CLOSED SESSION – 3:30 PM**

26-0802 (A) Roll Call. **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Westergaard and Gatto. Absent: Barron and Mandelbaum. Council Members Mandelbaum and Barron entered the meeting at 3:33 PM during item I(C).**

26-0803 (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 5-2. Absent Barron and Mandelbaum.**

26-0804 (C) Closed Session.

26-0805 (D) Terminate closed session and reconvene in open session. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0806 (E) Motion to adjourn. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 4:40 PM. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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26-0807 1. ROLL CALL: **Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**

26-0808 2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0809 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

26-0810 4. Approving Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for the following: **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

NEW APPLICATION

(A)	NOTHING MAJOR	608 LOCUST ST	Class C Liquor

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(B)	ALPINE TAP ROOM	2720 INGERSOLL AVE	Class C Liquor
(C)	APPLEBEES GRILL & BAR	6301 SE 14TH ST	Class C Liquor
(D)	APPLEBEES GRILL & BAR	3900 MERLE HAY RD	Class C Liquor
(E)	BLANK GOLF COURSE	711 COUNTY LINE RD	Class C Liquor
(F)	BOWLERAMA	1313 E DIEHL AVE	Class C Liquor
(G)	CASEYS #2784	4151 MERLE HAY RD	Class E Liquor
(H)	CONSERVATORY	315 E 5TH ST 2	Class C Liquor
(I)	CONTINENTAL	407 E 5TH ST	Class C Liquor
(J)	COPPER CUP	207 4TH ST	Class C Liquor
(K)	DES MOINES AMVETS	2818 5TH AVE	Class F Retail
(L)	DOUGH CO PIZZA	2330 UNIVERSITY AVE	Special Class C
(M)	GRAZIANO BROTHERS	1601 SOUTH UNION ST	Class B Retail
(N)	HOLIDAY INN	6111 FLEUR DR	Class C Liquor
(O)	JASPER WINERY	2400 GEORGE FLAGG	Class C Liquor
(P)	LA FAVORITA	1700 E GRAND AVE	Class B Retail
(Q)	LATIN KING	2200 HUBBELL AVE	Class C Liquor
(R)	RICHARD O JACOBSON	3000 E GRAND AVE	Class C Liquor
(S)	ROYAL MART	111 63RD ST	Class E Liquor
(T)	SAKARI SUSHI LOUNGE	2605 INGERSOLL AVE	Class C Liquor
(U)	SMOKIN JOES #4	2800 E UNIVERSITY AVE	Class E Liquor
(V)	WAVELAND GOLF	4908 UNIVERSITY AVE	Class C Liquor
(W)	YOUR BEST FRIENDS BAR	6218 WILLOWMERE DR	Class C Liquor

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

(X) BIRDS NEST 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(Y) BUBBLY BAR & BISTRO 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(Z) DEPOT 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(AA) IOWA CRAFT BEER TENT 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(BB) JRS SOUTHPORK RANCH 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(CC) LUCKY WIFE WINE 520 SW 13TH ST PKG LOT 5 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR A CONCERT ON JULY 22, 2026.

(DD) NEW NORTHWESTERN 75 E LOCUST ST 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR AN EVENT ON JULY 18, 2026.

(EE) OLD WEST BAR-B-Q 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(FF) SIPS IN MOTION 519 PARK ST 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A WEDDING ON JULY 25, 2026.

(GG) STOCKMANS INN 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

(HH) SUSAN KNAPP 3000 E GRAND AVE 14 days
SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE (BEER/WINE) FOR THE IOWA STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026.

26-0811 5. City Clerk to approve 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)	NIGHTINGALE COCKTAIL	435 E GRAND AVE

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(B)	HIMALAYAN ASIAN GROCERY STORE	3300 SW 9TH ST #2
(C)	NOORI HILAL GROCERY & FASION	3839 MERLE HAY RD #112
(D)	SHAG	2355 E UNIVERSITY AVE #109
(E)	SHAG	333 E GRAND AVE #105

26-0812 6. 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)	P&S MART	2574 HUBBELL AVE #102
(B)	SHAG	333 E GRAND AVE #105
(C)	SHAG	2355 E UNIVERSITY AVE #109
(D)	SMOKE SHACK	1300 CUMMINGS RD #102

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(E)	BABAS VAPE N SMOKE LLC	1534 E GRAND AVE #D
(F)	SOUTHSIDE SMOKE & VAPE	3324 INDIANOLA AVE

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

26-0813 7. Approving Professional Services Agreement with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for the Easton Boulevard from Fourmile Creek to NE 56th Street project, not to exceed $240,731. (Council Communication No. 26-245) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0814 8. Approving completion and acceptance of Private Construction Contract for storm sewer improvements at 2705 E. Euclid Avenue between Graphite Construction Group, Inc. and Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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

26-0815 (A) Masonic Cemetery Road Improvements, TK Concrete, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0816 (B) 2025 Riverwalk Improvements – Balustrade Replacement, Minturn, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0817 (C) Police Station Vestibule Improvements, Hildreth Construction Services, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0818 (D) Intelligent Transportation Systems Upgrade – Phase 4, Iowa Signal, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0819 (E) E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street, Jasper Constructions Services, Inc. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

26-0820 10. Levying assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of the Neighborhood Inspection Rental Code, Schedule No. 2026-07. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0821 11. Levying Assessments for costs of Nuisance Abatement-NAC Emergency Orders (Neighborhood Services), Schedule No. 2026-07. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0822 12. Levying Assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of Public Works Tree Removal, Schedule No. 2026-02. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

26-0823 13. Approving 102 tax abatement applications for work completed in 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS

26-0824 14. Recommendation from Council Member Barron to reappoint Joshua Baker to the Urban Design Review Board, Seat 4, for a term expiring June 30, 2029. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0825 15. Recommendation from Council Member Barron to reappoint Laura Rodriguez to the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission, Seat 4, for a term expiring April 2, 2029. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

26-0826 16. On request from NMDP Holdings, LLC (Adam R. Petersen, Officer), regarding two (2) irregular parcels in the vicinity of 1111 Southeast 30th Street, and one (1) irregular parcel located at 3400 Granger Avenue, to amend PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to revise the future land use classification of the property from Business Park to Industrial, and to rezone the property from Limited "I2" Industrial District, and "EX" Business Park District, to Limited "I2" Industrial District, to allow expansion of an existing "Fabrication and Production – Intensive" use, (8-3-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0827 17. On request from Nelson Construction Services, LLC (Alexander Grgurich, Officer), regarding multiple parcels located in the vicinity of 1310 E. Diehl Avenue, to amend PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to revise the future land use classification of the property from Community Mixed Use and Low Density Residential within a Neighborhood Node and a Regional Node to Community Mixed Use and High Density Residential within a Neighborhood Node and a Regional Node, and to rezone the property from "N3a" Neighborhood District, "MX3-V" Mixed-Use District, and "MX3" Mixed-Use District, to "NX3" Neighborhood Mix District, to allow the construction of a multiple-household senior living apartment building, (8-3-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0828 18. On request from Heart of America (Chris Whalen, Officer) for an appeal of the Plan & Zoning Commission's decision regarding a Public Hearing Site Plan for property located in the vicinity of 100 Southwest 11th Street, (8-3-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0829 19. On the adoption of an Urban Renewal Plan for the 6100 Hickman Road Urban Renewal Area, (8-24-26). (Council Communication No. 26-252) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

20. Number not used.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT - CLAIM SETTLEMENTS & BILLINGS

26-0830 21. Approving payment to RM Madden Construction for a financial loss claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

APPROVING

26-0831 22. Amend Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement with 615 Euclid, LLC to increase award from $750,000 to $850,000 for the historic rehabilitation of the University of Commerce Building at 615 Euclid Avenue. (Council Communication No. 26-241) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0832 23. Waiver and consent to conflict of interest in representation by Nyemaster Goode, PC of Central Iowa Water Works regarding watermain easement across City-owned property generally located at 200 SW 16th Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0833 24. Loan Agreement with Cedar Ridge Vineyard, LLC for financial assistance for a new Cedar Ridge hospitality, tasting room, cocktail lounge, restaurant/retail, event and customer experience concept at 1312 Locust Street. (Council Communication No. 26-253) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0834 25. Preliminary terms of an Urban Renewal Development Agreement with 900 Vine LLC for the construction of a five-story mixed-used building located at 900 Vine Street. (Council Communication No. 26-254) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0835 26. Resolution of support for an application for financial assistance to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) under the Business Investment for Growth (BIG) Program for Electrical Power Products, Inc. (EP^2) (Council Communication No. 26-256) **Moved by Gatto to approve. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0836 27. Acceptance of the 2026 Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant award in the amount of $322,150. (Council Communication No. 26-249) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0837 28. Authorizing execution of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge Grant Agreement for Riverside Bridge Park Improvements. (Council Communication No. 26-251) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0838 29. Ratification of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreational Trails (SRT) grant application for $470,000 for the Central Place Trail Phase 2 project. (Council Communication No. 26-250) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0839 30. Agreement with Primary Health Care Inc. for rental housing inspection services. (Council Communication No. 26-243) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0840 31. Grant Agreement with the Mid-Iowa Health Foundation for the Central Iowa Emergency Rental Assistance Study, in the amount of $50,000. (Council Communication No. 26-257) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Barron declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.**

26-0841 32. Suspension of civil service hiring practices for entrance positions as authorized by Iowa Code Section 400.12A for the period August 5, 2026 through August 4, 2027. (Council Communication No. 26-248) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0842 33. From the City Council's Personnel Subcommittee (Boesen, Simonson, Voss) to consider receipt and approval of the City Council Personnel Committee's annual review and compensation review for the Council's direct reports. **Moved by Simonson to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Barron and Mandelbaum.**

34. Number not used.

35. Abatement of public nuisances at the following:

26-0843 (A) 1116 E. Seneca Avenue. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0844 (B) 20 E. Broad Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0845 36. Authorizing Finance Director to draw checks on registers for the weeks of July 13, 20, and 27, 2026; to draw checks for the bills of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for the weeks of July 13, 20, and 27, 2026; to draw checks for biweekly payroll due July 24, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

ORDINANCES - SECOND CONSIDERATION

26-0846 37. On vacation of street right-of-way adjacent to the realigned 41st Street and Beaver Avenue intersection and conveyance to adjoining property owners for $550. **Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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HEARINGS (OPEN AT 5:00 PM) (ITEMS 38 THRU 40-I)

26-0847 38. On request from Monte Properties Inc. (Brenda Sanchez, Officer) to amend PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Plan to revise the future land use classification and to rezone property located in the vicinity of 2006 Indianola Avenue from "N5" Neighborhood District to "MX1" Mixed-Use District to allow the conversion of a "retail sales" use to a "tobacco store" use. **Moved by Gatto to DENY the proposed rezoning. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0848 39. On the proposition to authorize a lease agreement with Industrial Scientific for the lease of atmospheric monitoring devices and services for use by the Public Works Department, not to exceed $35,013.72 for a four-year period, and providing for publication of notice thereof, and to continue to the August 3, 2026 meeting. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0849 40. On application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing). (Council Communication No. 26-242) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Barron. Motion Carried 7-0.**

26-0850 40-I On the proposition to authorize a lease-purchase agreement with Ziegler Inc. for the lease-purchase of a tractor with boom mower for use in City operations, not to exceed $88,875 and providing for publication of notice thereof, and to continue to the August 3, 2026 Council meeting. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

*****END HEARINGS AT 5:10 PM*****

ORDINANCES - FIRST CONSIDERATION

26-0851 41. Amending Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code relating to building permit requirements and electrical code. (Council Communication No. 26-244) **Moved by Westergaard that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Barron. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Gatto.**

26-0852 (A) 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, #16,568. Second by Barron. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Gatto.**

26-0853 42. Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: (Council Communication No. 26-246) **Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Parking Modification – Related to repurposing of Walnut Street School.
(1) Walnut Street – Ninth Street to Tenth Street.
(2) Ninth Street – Walnut Street to Locust Street.

26-0854 (B) 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, #16,569. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.**

COMMUNICATION REPORTS

26-0855 43. Request to speak from the following: **Moved by Gatto to receive and file. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Linnea DeWaard – did not speak.
(B) Sara Hildreth – did not speak.

26-0856 MOTION TO ADJOURN. **Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 5:25 PM. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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