City of Windsor Heights Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - 6:00 PM
WINDSOR HEIGHTS COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1133 66th ST

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

   Mayor Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: Susan Skeries, Fletcher Barry, Threase Harms. Lauren Campbell arrived at 6:03 PM. Members absent: Joseph Jones. Staff present: City Administrator Adam Plagge, Police Chief Pete Roth, Fire Chief Jim Mease, City Attorney Erin Clanton, Public Works Director Andy Larson, Deputy City Clerk Nate Leuthold.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

   Motion to approve by Threase Harms. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 3-0 (Lauren Campbell still absent).

3. **Presentation:**

   A. Greater Des Moines Partnership

   Tiffany Tauscheck and Stacy LoVan with the Partnership presented with Tauscheck focusing on talent development and LoVan focusing on Economic development. Lauren Campbell arrived near the start of the presentation. Threase Harms asked for clarification between investors and affiliates, and how investors were engaged. Tauscheck advised that investors include businesses and cities, and they provide feedback via surveys. Chambers are affiliates, and they have more direct feedback. Harms asked to be sent an explanation of benefits for investors and affiliates. Tauscheck stated she would provide. Harms asked about their successes at the 2026 legislative session. Tauscheck stated the Partnership remains pro-growth and continues to advocate for workforce and childcare. Mayor Mike Jones asked how the Partnership defines "small business". Tauscheck advised it is defined as businesses between 1 and 100 employees, but sometimes only up to 50. They are working to streamline this terminology internally. Susan Skeries asked about the exact amount of money needed for an investing agency to be listed under investors. LoVan advised $2,000, $500 more than what is asked of Windsor Heights. Fletcher Barry asked how the Greater Des Moines area was defined, as there were various communities outside the metro who were included. Tiffany advised that communities can opt in, and they represent communities in 13 different counties at this time.

4. **Public Hearing:**

   A. Public Hearing to Consider the Conveyance of Easement on City Property

   Motion by Threase Harms to open the Public Hearing at 6:36 PM. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 4-0. Adam Plagge presented the staff report. The granting of this easement would result in the closing of the trail for roughly 30 days during the off-season, and the trail would be restored at WRA expense. No public comment. Threase Harms expressed concerns for closing the trail and expressed the importance of communicating early and often when the trail would be closed. Plagge agreed. Susan Skeries asked for clarification as to where this easement is located. Plagge and Andy Larson provided clarification. Lauren Campbell asked whether the WRA was aware of the new ICON water feature. Larson confirmed that they were aware.

   Motion by Threase Harms to close the Public Hearing at 6:44 PM. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 4-0.

   B. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-64 - A Resolution to Convey an Easement on City Property

   Motion by Threase Harms to approve. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 4-0.

5. **Public Forum:** This is time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on the agenda. No action may be taken. Please come to the podium, state your name and address for the record and keep your comments to no more than 5 minutes.

   Norbert Haut 1148 63rd St. Thanked the Council for the proclamation in favor of the Week Without Driving.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed for separate consideration.

   Motion by Threase Harms to approve. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 4-0.

   A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 21, 2026

   B. Approve Financial Reports

   C. Approve Resolution No. 2026-65 - A Resolution Waiving CEC Fees for the Strong Roots Christian School on October 28, 2026

   D. Approve Resolution No. 2026-66 - A Resolution Approving City Administrator Compensation

   E. Approve Resolution No. 2026-67 - A Resolution Approving the Eighth Amended and Substituted Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 28E Agreement

   F. Approve Resolution No. 2026-68 - A Resolution Approving a 28E Agreement with the Iowa Deptartment of Revenue for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine, and Vapor Product Enforcement

7. **Action Items:**

   A. Consideration of the Third Reading of Ordinance 26-02 - An Ordinance Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fiber Optic Cable License; and to Adopt and Publish

      Motion by Threase Harms to approve. Seconded by Susan Skeries.
      Adam Plagge presented the staff report and recommended approval. Staff has received no public comment.
      Motion by Threase Harms to approve. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 4-0.

   B. Consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance 26-03 - An Ordinance Amending Provisions Pertaining to Bicycle Regulations

      Motion by Susan Skeries to approve. Seconded by Threase Harms.
      Adam Plagge presented the staff report. Changes were made to the helmet section of the ordinance, specifically to apply to more dangerous conveyances. Changes were also made regarding following emergency vehicles and requiring a 500-foot waiting period before conveyances could resume travel.
      Alex Rice, 2111 48th St in Des Moines, representing the Street Collective spoke and congratulated staff on the strong ordinance. Rice had two concerns: language regarding following emergency vehicles and speed limits on trails. Rice made recommendations to remove speed limits and move to a reasonable and proper standard, citing other cities who had done so, and to refer to state code regarding following emergency vehicles. Susan Skeries wanted clarification of the current wording limiting speeds to 20 MPH and 15 MPH in Colby Park. Plagge confirmed and cited other cities that had speed limits in place. Lauren Campbell spoke in favor of speed limits, especially with the ICON water trail access at Colby Park. Threase Harms spoke against speed limits, citing limitations on enforcement. Campbell and

Skeries asked how we would enforce the reasonable and proper standard. Mike Jones spoke in favor of speed limits, citing the enforceability of other laws such as seat belt laws. Pete Roth cited Clive and Urbandale, the communities that share our trail, as having speed limits posted. Harms countered, citing that 20 MPH was high and that "reasonable and proper" was more enforceable. Rice offered for the Street Collective to do community education regarding trail speeds and different types of conveyances. Campbell moved discussion to the limitations on following emergency vehicles. Rice cited state code and how she believed Windsor Heights code should follow that example. Susan Skeries withdrew her original motion, and Threase Harms withdrew her second. Motion by Threase Harms to strike the last two sentences of 60.13.07 subsection 2, to cite State code in 60.13.07 subsection 7, and approve. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 3-1. Ayes: Susan Skeries, Fletcher Barry, Threase Harms. Nay: Lauren Campbell.

8. **Reports:**

A. Mayor, Council Reports and Committee Updates, and Administration Reports

Mayor Jones spoke regarding updating the Windsor Heights flag.

Threase Harms congratulated Lauren and Susan as well as staff for a successful Fall Festival. Thanks to staff for bringing their families and being part of the community. She will attend MAC next Tuesday.

Lauren Campbell gave a huge thanks to staff and volunteers for a successful Fall Festival. Thanks to Susan and the Chamber for finding sponsors to keep the event free. She will attend the Public Safety and Special Events meetings next week

Fletcher Barry attended the YMCA Impact awards, even though Windsor Heights did not win; presented Barry Hesse for Citizen of the Year; he attended a meeting of the Economic Development Committee, and participated at Fall Fest. Big congrats to Lauren, Susan, and the Special Events Committee for a great Fall Fest.

Susan Skeries gave a huge thank you to staff and volunteers for successful Fall Fest, specifically shouting out Fletcher, Lauren, Threase, Nate, Adam, Adam, Andy, and the PW team. She heard many comments about how organized the event was. Thanks to Fire, Police, Public Works, City Hall, and elected officials for making such a great event. She is now gearing up for the Veteran's Day event in November.

Adam Plagge stated that Fall Fest went very well, the BUILD grant is up in the air due to changes in how the grant is awarded and the grant itself.

B. FY27 Quarter 1 Public Works Report

Andy presented the Q1 Public Works report and kudos to everyone for Fall Fest. Implemented NovoGov in July, and it has been going well; it provides important insights for managing assets within the department, particularly for daily-use public assets like major thoroughfares. Public Works Supervisor Greg Slaughter joined and is a great addition to the team. There's been too much rain, but the storm sewers continued to do their jobs. Tree of Heaven Basal Barking Program wrapped up on 9/30.

9. **Adjourn**

Motion by Threase to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Seconded by Susan Skeries. Motion passed 4-0.

_____

Mike Jones, Mayor

_____

Adam Strait, City Clerk