

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

1. ROLL CALL:
2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED:
3. APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA * – items 3 through 42:

***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

4. [Approving](#) Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for the following:

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.

5. [Denial](#) of Special Class C Liquor License application for Tafari Restaurant at 3900 E. 14th Street.

6. [City](#) Clerk to issue Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permits for the following:

NEW APPLICATION

(A) MOE SHOP 1309 UNIVERSITY AVE

7. [City](#) Clerk to approve Device Retailer Permits for the following:

NEW APPLICATIONS

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

8. [City](#) Clerk to issue Coin Operated Machine Licenses.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

9. Ordering construction of the following:

- (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](#))

- (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](#))

- (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](#))

- (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](#))

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](#))

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.

12. Approving completion and acceptance of Private Construction Contracts for the following:
 - (A) [Storm](#) Sewer Improvements for 95 E. 5th Street, between Estes Company, LLC d/b/a Estes Construction and Des Moines Prep Facilities LLC.
 - (B) [Sanitary](#) Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 7, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and J. Larson Homes, LLC.
 - (C) [Storm](#) Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 7, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and J. Larson Homes, LLC.
 - (D) [Sanitary](#) Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 8, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and Oakstone Homes of Iowa, LLC.
 - (E) [Sanitary](#) Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 9, between Legacy Excavation, LLC and Oakstone Homes of Iowa, LLC.
13. Accepting completed construction and approving final payment for the following:
 - (A) [2025](#) Pedestrian Ramp Replacement Program, TK Concrete, Inc.
 - (B) [Ingersoll](#) Avenue Improvements from 28th Street to 31st Street, Corell Contractor, Inc.
 - (C) [McKinley](#) Avenue Reconstruction from South Union Street to SW 9th Street, All Star Concrete, LLC.
 - (D) [SW](#) 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement, Minturn, Inc.
 - (E) [Western](#) Ingersoll Run Sewer Separation Phase 1, MPS Engineers, PC d/b/a Kingston Services, PC.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

14. [Levying](#) assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of the Neighborhood Inspection Rental Code, Schedule No. 2026-02.

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-043\)](#)

16. [Dedicating](#) City-owned property in the vicinity of George Flagg Parkway and SW 28th Street as right-of-way.

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.
18. [Approval](#) of final subdivision plat for Northridge 80|35 Business Park Plat 2, located at 1200 and 1300 E. Broadway Avenue.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-047\)](#)

19. [Approving](#) 4 commercial and 225 residential tax abatement applications for work completed in 2025.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS

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.
21. [Recommendation](#) from Council Member Simonson to reappoint Ryan Ellsworth to the Historic Preservation Commission, Seat 5, for a term expiring October 18, 2028.
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.
23. [Communication](#) from John Erpelding advising of his resignation from the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 5, effective immediately.
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.
25. [Communication](#) from Emily Webb advising of her resignation from the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 15, effective immediately.
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.

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

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).

APPROVING

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](#))

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](#))

30. [Issuance](#) of certificate of completion to 36 on 6th, LLC for renovation of 3614 6th Avenue.

31. [Skywalk](#) Agreement with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Iowa.

32. [Amended](#) and Restated Cooperative Agreement with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. (6AC).

([Council Communication No. 26-033](#))

33. [2025](#) Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report and authorization for the Mayor's signature for submittal to the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

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.

35. [Abatement](#) of public nuisance at 1302 Williams Street.

36. [Release](#) of fire escrow at 4300 SE 10th Street.

37. [Confidentiality](#) Agreement with Ramaker & Associates, Inc., potential vendor for cemetery information management system software for use by the Parks and Recreation Department.

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](#))

39. Number not used.
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](#))

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](#))

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.

* * * * * END CONSENT AGENDA * * * * *

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

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.

(A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above.

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](#))

(A) [Approving](#) contract and bond.

*****END HEARINGS AT _____ PM*****

ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION

45. [Amending](#) Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code relating to community recreation center building admission and rental fees.

([Council Communication No. 26-044](#))

- (A) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Ben Page, Parks and Recreation Director), requires six votes.

46. [Amending](#) Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code relating to definitions and the powers and duties of the Access Advisory Board.

47. [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

([Council Communication No. 26-036](#))

- (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.

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