

**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**

- (A) Roll Call.
- (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.
- (C) Closed Session.
- (D) Terminate closed session and reconvene in open session.
- (E) Motion to adjourn.

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1. ROLL CALL:
2. APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED:
3. APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA \* – items 3 through 41:

**\*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:

#### NEW APPLICATIONS

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

#### 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.		

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.

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

## **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

6. Ordering construction of the following:

(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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-058\)](#)

(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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-059\)](#)

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-061\)](#)

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-062\)](#)

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-060\)](#)

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-051\)](#)

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.

## **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

12. [Levying](#) Assessments for costs of Nuisance Abatement-NAC Emergency Orders (Neighborhood Services), Schedule No. 2026-02.
13. Deletion of NAC – Emergency Assessments at the following:
  - (A) [1175](#) 21<sup>st</sup> Street.
  - (B) [4115](#) SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

14. [Partially](#) releasing subdivision bond for Stanton Ridge, located in the vicinity of 2300 Stanton Avenue.
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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-050\)](#)

## **BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS**

16. Recommendation from Council Member Barron to appoint the following:
  - (A) [Joshua](#) Baker to the Urban Design Review Board, Seat 4, with a term expiring June 30, 2026.
  - (B) [Laura](#) Rodriguez to the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission, Seat 4, with a term expiring April 6, 2026.
17. [Communication](#) from York Taenzer advising of his resignation from the Historic Preservation Commission, Seat 3, effective immediately.
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.

## SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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).
20. [On](#) vacation of the east/west alley right-of-way adjoining 1541 8<sup>th</sup> Street and conveyance to the Des Moines Independent Community School District, (3-9-26).
21. [On](#) approval of the 2025 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, (3-23-26).
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).

## LEGAL DEPARTMENT - CLAIM SETTLEMENTS & BILLINGS

23. [Approving](#) payment to Action Auto Body and Enterprise Rent-A-Car on behalf of Hen Ku for a property claim.
24. [Approving](#) payment to Alexandra Hubbell and Jon Van Hemert for a property claim.
25. [Approving](#) payment to Ted and Cindy Erickson for a property claim.

## APPROVING

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-065\)](#)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-069\)](#)

28. Items related to OpenLoop Health, Inc.:

[\(Council Communication No. 26-049\)](#)

- (A) [Approving](#) termination of Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) contract under the High Quality Jobs (HQP) Program for OpenLoop Health, Inc.
- (B) [Approving](#) 1st Amendment to the Development Agreement with OpenLoop Health, Inc.

29. [Authorizing](#) satisfaction of judgment liens impacting 1196 9th Street, 1331 13th Street, 1245 21st Street and 37 E. Gray Street.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-067\)](#)

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.

31. [Release](#) of private redevelopment agreement with Riverview DSM LLC (f/k/a Court Avenue Partners) for the property at 218 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-070\)](#)

32. [Submittal](#) of application for funding to the 2027 Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Law Enforcement Highway Safety Grant Program.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-068\)](#)

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.

~~34. Initial consideration of request for honorary naming of 34<sup>th</sup> Street between University Avenue and Forest Avenue as “Agha Street” and refer to the Plan and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.~~

35. [Accepting](#) proposal and authorizing contract with Crow’s Auto Service, Inc. for vehicle towing, storage and auctioneering services.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-072\)](#)

- 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](#))

- 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.

- 38. Abatement of public nuisances at the following:

- (A) [3236](#) N. Union Street.
- (B) [3014](#) Scott Avenue.

- 39. Communication of fire escrows at the following:

- (A) [135](#) and 137 E. Leach Avenue.
- (B) [2400](#) Watrous Avenue.

- 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](#))

- 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.

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

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

- 42. [On](#) vacation of air rights within portions of E. 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

- (A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above.
- (B) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the applicant), requires six votes.

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-052\)](#)

- (A) [Approval](#) of contract and bond.

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-056\)](#)

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

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-054\)](#)

- (A) [Approval](#) of contract and bond.

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.

[\(Council Communication No. 26-053\)](#)

- (A) [Approval](#) of contract and bond.

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](#))

- (A) [Approval](#) of contract and bond.

\*\*\*\*\*END HEARINGS AT \_\_\_\_\_ PM\*\*\*\*\*

### ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

([Council Communication No. 26-057](#))

- (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.

### COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

49. [Requests](#) to speak as follows:

- (A) Catherine DeAngelis  
(B) Carol Maher

### MOTION TO ADJOURN.

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