



***** 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

March 9, 2026
5:00 PM

PROCLAMATIONS – 4:50 PM

Women's History Month

Nutrition Month

- [26-0279](#) 1. **ROLL CALL: Present: Boesen, Simonson, Voss, Barron, Westergaard, Mandelbaum and Gatto.**
- [26-0280](#) 2. **APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0281](#) 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

26-0282

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

(A) BERNARDOS BURRITOS	216 4TH ST	Class C Liquor
(B) DAVIS BALL PARK CONCESSION	4980 E 46TH ST	Special Class C
(C) EL RINCON CUBANO	1452 2ND AVE	Class C Liquor
(D) FRANCIES BAR & GRILL	2100 WAKONDA VIEW	Class C Liquor
(E) LA CLINICA	1828 HUBBELL AVE	Class C Liquor
(F) LACHELES FINE FOODS	2716 INGERSOLL AVE	Class C Liquor
(G) PAVILION	3000 E GRAND AVE	Special Class C
(H) PRIMOS TEX MEX BAR & GRILL	1140 E ARMY POST RD	Class C Liquor
(I) V-CLUB	4029 URBANDALE AVE	Class C Liquor

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

(J) BEAVER TAP	4050 URBANDALE AVE	Class C Liquor
(K) BUZZARD BILLYS	615 3RD ST	Class C Liquor
(L) CASEYS #3915	3200 SW 9TH ST	Class B Retail
(M) DOLLAR GENERAL #13292	3102 MERLE HAY RD	Class B Retail
(N) DOLLAR GENERAL #313	2574 HUBBELL AVE #109	Class B Retail
(O) DOLLAR GENERAL #4554	1020 E ARMY POST RD	Class B Retail
(P) DOLLAR GENERAL #4991	3223 SE 14TH ST	Class B Retail
(Q) DOLLAR GENERAL #6077	221 63RD ST	Class B Retail
(R) DOLLAR GENERAL #6725	1428 E OVID AVE	Class B Retail
(S) DOLLAR GENERAL #6735	2650 INGERSOLL AVE	Class B Retail
(T) FONGS PIZZA	317 E COURT AVE	Class C Liquor
(U) GOOD NEWS DARLING	717 LOCUST ST #102	Class C Liquor
(V) GOPUFF	1510 OHIO ST	Class B Retail
(W) HY VEE WINE & SPIRITS	2310 HUBBELL AVE	Class E Liquor
(X) INGERSOLL LIQUOR	3500 INGERSOLL AVE	Class E Liquor
(Y) IOWA BEEF STEAK HOUSE	1201 E EUCLID AVE	Class C Liquor
(Z) MALO RESTAURANT	900 MULBERRY ST	Class C Liquor
(AA) MCCUENS PUB	2565 WEDGEWOOD RD	Class C Liquor
(BB)SHOP DSM, THE	901 CHERRY ST	Class C Liquor
(CC)STOP N SHOP	5000 SW 9TH ST	Class B Retail
(DD)STUFFED OLIVE, THE	216 COURT AVE #100	Class C Liquor
(EE) TACOS LA FAMILIA	1610 6TH AVE	Class C Liquor
(FF) ZAVY KITCHEN	111 E GRAND AVE #101	Class C Liquor

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

- (GG) APRES BAR CO 100 LOCUST ST 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A WEDDING ON MARCH 28, 2026.
- (HH) APRES BAR CO 519 PARK ST 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A WEDDING ON MARCH 28, 2026.
- (II) APRES BAR CO 100 LOCUST ST 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MAD HATTER FEVER CONCERT ON MARCH 22, 2026.
- (JJ) SALISBURY HOUSE & GARDENS 4025 TONAWANDA DR 5 days
CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MURDER MYSTERY DINNER ON MARCH 20 - 21, 2026.

TRANSFER TO NEW LOCATION

- (KK) DONNAS 2804 SW 9TH ST Class C Liquor
PERMANENT TRANSFER FROM 4424 SE 14TH STREET.
- (LL) PHINS PLACE 3000 E GRAND AVE Class C Liquor
TEMPORARY TRANSFER FROM 4121 SE 14TH STREET FOR AN EVENT ON MARCH 21, 2026.

OUTDOOR SERVICE

- (MM) BOTTOMS UP 1500 SE 1ST ST Class C Liquor
PERMANENT.

[26-0283](#) 5. [City](#) Clerk to issue Coin Operated Machine Licenses. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

6. Ordering construction of the following:

[26-0284](#) (A) [2026](#) HMA Residential Paving Program: Receiving of bids, (3-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (4-20-26), Engineer's estimate, \$1,200,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-079](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0285](#) (B) [2026](#) Parking Garage Repair Program: Receiving of bids, (3-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (4-20-26), Engineer's estimate, \$900,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-080](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0286](#) (C) [Guthrie](#) Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over the Union Pacific Railroad: Receiving of bids, (3-17-26) and Setting date of hearing, (4-6-26), Engineer's estimate, \$6,316,803.75. ([Council Communication No. 26-081](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0287](#) (D) [Skywalk](#) Exterior Improvement Phase 1: Receiving of bids, (3-24-26) and Setting date of hearing, (4-20-26), Engineer’s estimate, \$700,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-082](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0288](#) 7. [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc. for additional professional services for Fleur Drive Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation, not to exceed \$149,648. ([Council Communication No. 26-074](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
8. Approving completion and acceptance of Private Construction Contracts for the following:
- [26-0289](#) (A) [Traffic](#) Signal Improvements for Union at River’s Edge, between Annex Construction of Iowa, LLC and Union at River’s Edge, LP. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0290](#) (B) [Sanitary](#) Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 10, between Legacy Excavation LLC and J. Larson Homes, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0291](#) (C) [Storm](#) Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 10, between Legacy Excavation LLC and J. Larson Homes, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0292](#) (D) [Sanitary](#) and Storm Sewer Improvements for Three Lakes Estates Plat 13, between Legacy Excavation LLC and Timbercrest Homes, LLC. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

- [26-0293](#) 9. [Levying](#) assessments for fees, fines, penalties, costs and interest imposed in the enforcement of the Neighborhood Inspection Rental Code, Schedule No. 2026-03. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0294](#) 10. [Levying](#) assessments for costs of Public Works sewer repair at 3805 Hunter Avenue, Schedule No. 2026-01. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LAND/PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

- [26-0295](#) 11. [Approving](#) ten (10) tax abatement applications for work completed in 2025. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0296](#) 12. [Approving](#) one (1) commercial tax abatement application. ([Council Communication No. 26-094](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0297](#) 13. [Authorize](#) voluntary acquisition and to approve and accept real estate documents for property located at 951 28th Street from French N. Golden and Tiffani L. Golden for \$172,500 for the 28th Street and School Street Stormwater Improvements project. ([Council Communication No. 26-083](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/NEIGHBORHOODS

- [26-0298](#) 14. [Receive](#) and file amendments to bylaws of City Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

SETTING DATE OF HEARINGS

- [26-0299](#) 15. [On](#) vacation of air rights within portions of Ingersoll Avenue right-of-way adjoining 3404 Ingersoll Avenue and conveyance of a permanent easement for Air Space above City-owned property to Goldfinch Commercial, LLC and Goldfinch Apartments, LP for \$1,100, (3-23-26). **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0300](#) 16. [On](#) the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Oak Park-Highland Park Urban Renewal Area, (4-20-26). ([Council Communication No. 26-095](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

LEGAL DEPARTMENT - CLAIM SETTLEMENTS & BILLINGS

- [26-0301](#) 17. [Approving](#) payment to Timothy Howser for a workers' compensation claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0302](#) 18. [Approving](#) payment to Matthew Stephenson for a workers' compensation claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0303](#) 19. [Approving](#) payment to Eric Boeckman for a property claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0304](#) 20. [Approving](#) payment to Steven Zohrer for a claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0305](#) 21. [Approving](#) payment to Clay Blanchard for a claim. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

APPROVING

- [26-0306](#) 22. [Award](#) of \$750,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for the historic rehabilitation of the University of Commerce building at 615 Euclid Avenue, resulting in fourteen (14) residential rental units. ([Council Communication No. 26-084](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0307](#)

23. [\\$400,000](#) in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program Funds to Market District Apartments, LP for the development of the Foundry Lofts multi-family building resulting in forty-six (46) affordable residential rental units at 509 SE 6th Street. ([Council Communication No. 26-085](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

WITHDRAWN

[26-0308](#)

- ~~24. Preliminary terms of an Urban Renewal Development Agreement with Ingersoll Properties Group, LLC for the rehabilitation of a 32,437 square-foot commercial property and the adjacent parking facilities at 2700 Ingersoll Avenue. (Council Communication No. 26-096)~~

[26-0309](#)

25. [Final](#) terms of an Urban Renewal Development Agreement with Market District Apartments, LP for the construction of Foundry Lofts, a 46-unit apartment building located at 509 SE 6th Street. ([Council Communication No. 26-092](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0310](#)

26. [First](#) amendment to the Urban Renewal Development Agreement with Ruan Redevelopment Partners, LLC for the conversion of an existing office building at 601 Locust Street to a 221-unit multi-family residential building, including existing commercial uses on the skywalk level. ([Council Communication No. 26-097](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0311](#)

27. [Support](#) for a State Historic Preservation Tax Credit application to be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development & Finance Authority by Ruan Redevelopment Partners LLC for the project at 601 Locust Street. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0312](#)

28. [Expressing](#) support for SpinCo (Corteva's seed business) and its Global Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa. ([Council Communication No. 26-090](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0313](#)

29. [One](#) (1) minimum assessment agreement as required for commercial tax abatement at 3711 Ingersoll Avenue. ([Council Communication No. 26-093](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0314](#)

30. [Ratifying](#) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) seeking \$250,000 for Allen Park Phase 1 Site Improvements project. ([Council Communication No. 26-087](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0315](#)

31. [Ratifying](#) execution of GC26 Public Art Grant Agreement with Bravo Greater Des Moines for \$50,000 of grant funding for the Cheatom Park Court Mural Project. ([Council Communication No. 26-088](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0316](#) 32. Ratifying acceptance of National Recreation and Park Association, Inc. (NRPA) grant agreement for training of City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department staff and volunteers. ([Council Communication No. 26-089](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0317](#) 33. De minimis Impact Finding for construction requiring temporary closure of the Carl Voss and John Pat Dorrian Trails and permanent easement in Pete Crivaro Park and authorizing execution of forms with Iowa Department of Transportation. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0318](#) 34. Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban Forestry Development grant application for urban forestry initiatives, \$50,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-086](#)) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0319](#) 35. Amended parking meter rate and time zones I and II. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0320](#) 36. Communication from the Greater Des Moines Partnership on behalf of the Downtown Farmer’s Market, requesting approval of placement for up to 35 banners to be displayed on banner poles in downtown Des Moines beginning the first week of April 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0321](#) 37. Authorizing Finance Director to draw checks on registers for the weeks of March 9 and 16, 2026; to draw checks for the bills of the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency for the weeks of March 9 and 16, 2026; to draw checks for biweekly payroll due March 20, 2026. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.**

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

HEARINGS (OPEN AT 5:00 PM.) (ITEMS 38 THRU 43)

- [26-0322](#) 38. 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. 9th Street from “N5” Neighborhood District to Limited “RX2” Mixed Use District, to allow reuse of an existing building as a small event venue. **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0323](#) (A) First consideration of ordinance above. **Moved by Westergaard that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- [26-0324](#) (B) **Final** consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the applicant), 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, #16,542.** Second by Gatto. **Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0325](#) 39. **On** vacation of the east/west alley right-of-way adjoining 1541 8th Street and conveyance to the Des Moines Independent Community School District. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0326](#) (A) **First** consideration of ordinance above. **Moved by Barron that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0327](#) 40. **On** 2026 Citywide Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) Pavement Patching Program: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Brothers Cleaning Corporation d/b/a Brothers Concrete (Josecito Valero, President), \$1,504,772.63. (**Council Communication No. 26-075**) **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0328](#) (A) **Approving** contract and bond. **Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0329](#) 41. **On** Beaver Avenue Resurfacing from Franklin Avenue to Douglas Avenue: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Grimes Asphalt and Paving Corporation (Jeffrey Rasmussen, President), \$747,372.50. (**Council Communication No. 26-076**) **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0330](#) (A) **Approval** of contract and bond. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0331](#) 42. **On** Birdland Park Phase 1A Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Iowa Earth Works, LLC (Joseph Jensen, Owner), \$3,656,716.25. (**Council Communication No. 26-077**) **Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**
- [26-0332](#) (A) **Approval** of contract and bond. **Moved by Westgaard to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0333](#) 43. [On](#) Hickman Road Resurfacing from Merle Hay Road to Beaver Avenue: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Grimes Asphalt and Paving Corporation (Jeffrey Rasmussen, President), \$1,120,469.50. ([Council Communication No. 26-078](#)) **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

[26-0334](#) (A) [Approval](#) of contract and bond. **Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

*****END HEARINGS AT 5:09 PM*****

APPROVING II

[26-0335](#) 44. [Recommendation](#) for selection of a preferred developer for disposition of City-owned property at 2704-2718 George Flagg Parkway: ([Council Communication No. 26-091](#)) **Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt, option A. (A)The proposal from South by Southwest, LLC is selected for the development of 2704-2718 George Flagg Parkway, and the City Manager or his designee(s) are hereby directed to negotiate a purchase agreement with South by Southwest, LLC to be reviewed by Council at a subsequent date. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.**

ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION

[26-0336](#) 45. [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows: ([Council Communication No. 26-073](#)) **Moved by Westergaard that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

(A) Code Correction – Woodbury Circle from Walnut Ridge Drive to the dead end north of Walnut Ridge Drive.

(B) Parking Modification – on-street parking changes related to permitted parking:

(1) Grand Avenue Bridge.

(2) Locust Street Bridge.

(3) Des Moines Street.

(4) Robert D. Ray Drive.

(C) Parking Modifications – Loading zone on 6th Avenue between Clinton Avenue and Douglas Avenue.

[26-0337](#) (D) 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, #[16,543](#). Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

[26-0338](#)

46. [Requests](#) to speak as follows: **Moved by Gatto to receive and file comments. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.**

- (A) Laird Archer – did not speak.
- (B) Charles Klapatauskas – did not speak.
- (C) Diana Hammel
- (D) Travis Rothmeyer – did not speak

[26-0339](#)

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Moved by Gatto to adjourn at 5:16 PM. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

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