

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date March 20, 2017

Request from Council Member Skip Moore to direct the City Manager to change the City of Des Moines' position to opposed on HF484 and SF456.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MOORE				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Moore, Skip  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:24 AM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** HF 484 / SF 456

Diane,

I want an agenda item for Monday, March 20 pertaining to State of Iowa HF 484 and SF 456 and a vote in opposition.

Skip

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

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March 6, 2017

Date

Request from Jess Mazour, Iowa CCI, to speak regarding the Des Moines Water Works.

Moved by Hensley to receive and file comments. Mr. Moore requested that an item be placed on the March 20 City Council agenda regarding changing the City's registration concerning the water utility bill.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO				✓
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	

T. M. Franklin Mayor

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Diane Rauh City Clerk

Rauh, Diane I.

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**From:** Dave & Jill DC <ddseven@q.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** For 3-20-2017 Council packet

Please include my comments to the city council regarding HF484, thank you!

Dear City Council,

I am writing to you from Ward 3 to express my concern regarding the state water bill HF484. I urge you to take a formal vote at the March 20th meeting and oppose HF484.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem, and frankly, is a revenge bill for the DMWW lawsuit. We need to maintain a separate water board that is not controlled by the city council.

Sincerely,  
Jill DeForest Colvig  
646 Harwood Dr  
Des Moines, IA 50312

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Stephanie Filer <stephaniefiler@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:02 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** 3/20 Meeting

Hi Diane - I understand the city council is discussing HF 484 on Monday, March 20. I am strongly opposed to this or any other legislation that would dismantle the water board that protects our water quality. This legislation is not in the best interest of the residents of Des Moines and therefore our city's paid lobbyist should not be advocating FOR this bill.

Please include my feedback in the packet provided to council.

Thank you!

Stephanie Filer  
2205 E 38th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50317  
319-929-5540

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** COLLEEN KINNEY <mcfet6@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 3:49 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** For 3-20-2017 Council packet

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council members,

Request 1: Why didn't the City Council hold a public forum with formal vote prior to directing taxpayer-funded lobbyists to register support or opposition of proposed legislation? This lack of transparency could result in long lasting financial, environmental and public health damage. It is also disturbing that the City Council has not openly made its case in a public forum about proposed legislative options. The process is flawed.

Request 2: How can officials justify legislative proposals with all of the investments that have been made in terms of comprehensive planning and visioning processes? Personally, I cannot square HF484 with Council-approved 2016 PlanDSM's Public Infrastructure and Utilities Goal 6, "Ensure clean, safe water resources are equitably available to all current and future residents."

Request 3: On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the City Council will take a formal vote in public on the conveyance of a vacated alley right-of-way for \$25. Will the City Council also take a formal vote in public about decisions that could impact hundreds of acres of land and multi-million dollars in assets?

Request 4: Remedy these concerns and oppose any state legislation altering the management or control of Des Moines Water Works (i.e., HF484). In addition, direct all city officials and lobbyists representing the city to register opposition as soon as possible to any state legislation altering the management or control of Des Moines Water Works.

Sincerely,

Colleen Kinney, resident in Ward III

632 40th Street

Des Moines, IA 50312

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Darcie Vandegrift <darcie.vandegrift@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.; Bill Gray  
**Subject:** oppose hf 484

Dear Bill and Ms. Rauh,

I live Bill's ward. I am writing to oppose HF484 because it is a form of revenge on our city for trying to ensure water quality. We need the protection of Des Moines Water Works. Reorganization of our water distribution should happen through local measures rather than by the legislature.

I urge you, Bill, and your colleagues on City Council to take a formal vote at the March 20 meeting in opposition. I urge you to direct our city lobbyists to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,  
Darcie Vandegrift

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Nate Reagen <nreagen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 11, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** HF484

To: Mayor Cownie and City Council members,

I live in Des Moines and I oppose HF484. I urge the City Council to take a formal vote at its March 20th meeting, and oppose HF484.

Please direct taxpayer-funded city staff and lobbyists to oppose HF484.

This move feels more like a TV show than real politics. My hope is that we focus on the issues and not try and 'strong-arm' an entity out of the picture.



**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Maeve Callan <maeve47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 9:24 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** For 3-20-2017 Council packet

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council members,

I am a Ward 3 resident and I deeply oppose HF 484. Des Moines needs Water Works, and needs it to remain under the oversight of an independent board that considers the best science and practices as it holds itself accountable to the citizens of Des Moines. I am grateful to Bill Stowe for the way he has worked to protect water quality, and I am deeply disturbed by what I have heard about this bill, from multiple sources--that it is written as "payback" for the lawsuit brought against corporate agriculture entities which have polluted so many of our waterways. I am mystified as to why the city would register itself as in support of this bill, as it jeopardizes our water and threatens to appropriate taxpayer-owned land and facilities.

As if the bill were not bad enough, its handling has been quite alarming, especially regarding the lack of transparency. We need better explanations regarding the city's register of support; the only one I received--from the Des Moines city manager--was Bill Stowe's personality, which is so subjective and silly. Protecting our water needs to be above politics and personality preferences--it is too essential to human survival. I did not see any of you at the Capitol on Monday, March 6, but I saw a large crowd of people who vehemently opposed the bill--people who are scared that Des Moines could become the next Flint, Michigan, and who know Water Works and its board have done an admirable job keeping our water safe, people who are outraged that our water has come under such an unnecessary threat and that our representatives haven't done more to protect such a basic human need. We need to know where you, our elected representatives, stand and why.

I urge you to stand up for the city of Des Moines and for the rights of everyone who depends on its water and the system that ensures our safety, and urge taxpayer-funded lobbyists to oppose HF 484. I also urge the City Council to take a public vote on this issue at its March 20th meeting, so your constituents know where you stand when it comes to our water, which is life.

Sincerely,

M Callan

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** John Rousseau <jerousseau@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 8:49 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** For 3-20-2017 Council packet

Mayor Cownie and City Council members,

I live in Ward 1 in Des Moines. I oppose HF484 because of it's a solution in search of a problem. The fact is DMWW has been doing a stand up job and there is no need to change it's organization. I urge the City Council to take a formal vote at its March 20th meeting and oppose HF484.

Thank you,  
John Rousseau  
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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Shaun Johnson <shaunsj@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Shame on You

Des Moines City Council Members,

As a citizen that believes in local control I am opposed to House Bill 484 the dismantling of Des Moines Waterworks. Please stand up for your residents in opposition of HB484 when you discuss this issue at your Monday, March 20 City Council meeting.

Thank you,  
**Shaun S. Johnson**

Sent from my iPhone

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Shayna Neff <shaynaneff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** House Bill 484

Des Moines City Council Members,

As a citizen that believes in local control I am opposed to House Bill 484 the dismantling of Des Moines Waterworks. Please stand up for your residents in opposition of HB484 when you discuss this issue at your Monday March 20 City Council meeting.

Thank you,

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Shayna E Neff  
[T] 515-867-0480  
[E] [shaynaneff@gmail.com](mailto:shaynaneff@gmail.com)

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**From:** Cassie Guzman <cassieguzman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 10:24 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** Oppose House File 484

Cassandra Guzman  
8610 Ep True Pkwy Unit 11003  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

I oppose the bill and the city's lobbying for it! It is not right!

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** melindasherzer@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 9:42 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** Bill HF484

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to express my opposition to bill HF484, which would dissolve Des Moines Water Works. The consequences of the proposed dissolution outweigh the benefits and the assets the city of Des Moines would receive. Please listen to constituents and not lobbyists in this matter and vote against the bill.

Sincerely,  
Melinda Miller  
1010 E Watrous Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50315

Sent from my iPad

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Brandon Paulsen <bp312899@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 9:44 AM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Opposed to House Bill 484

Des Moines City Council Members,

As a citizen that believes in local control I am opposed to House Bill 484 the dismantling of Des Moines Waterworks. Please stand up for your residents in opposition of HB484 when you discuss this issue at your Monday March 20 City Council meeting.

Thank you,

Brandon Paulsen

1918 E 33rd St  
Des Moines, IA 50317

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Danny Wagener <danny\_wagener@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 9:38 PM  
**To:** Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Hensley, Christine L.; Rauh, Diane I.; Moore, Skip; Gray, William S.; Gatto, Joe P.  
**Subject:** HF 484/SSB 1146

Mayor Cownie and Council Members,

The Des Moines area already has some of the lowest water rates in the state. This bill could raise water rates for over 500,000 customers. There is a process in place to disband the Des Moines Water Works through a vote of the people, so why spend time passing unnecessary legislation that would dismantle the Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) board and distribute the utility's assets and power to surrounding cities thus squashing DMWW's lawsuit.

HF 484 is a anti-local control, anti-local democracy measure and quell the truth from citizens demanding a crack down on corporate ag and factory farm polluters.

This bill is purely a retribution bill introduced by a legislator from a rural area who has taken \$25,000 from corporate ag. They are trying to shut down a meaningful attempt to hold corporate ag polluters accountable under the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,  
Danny Wagener  
3215 E. 40th Ct.  
515-360-2315



**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Ann Schmid <annhschmid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Subject:** For 3-20-2017 Council packet

Mayor Cownie and City Council members,

I live in 3rd Ward in Des Moines. I oppose HF484 because of the following concerns:  
- the existing waterworks system is independent and not subject to political influence,  
- the current structure seems to work just fine and provides high quality safe water to my neighborhood (and has continuously since 1919)  
- this legislation appears to be political in nature and will only further divide an already divisive Iowa/Des Moines.  
- the management of Des Moines Water Works should be a local matter concerning the households and business served by the utility, and not a state legislative issue. This seems to imply that the State Legislatures are expanding government and State control rather than allowing local entities to determine when a system or systems need to be changed to better serve the needs of the customers.

I urge the City Council to take a formal vote at its March 20th meeting, and oppose HF484. Direct taxpayer-funded city staff and lobbyists to oppose HF484.

Ann Schmid  
4244 Harwood Drive  
Des Moines, IA

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Lesley Peacock <lapeacock@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:20 PM  
**To:** Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Hensley, Christine L.; Rauh, Diane I.; Moore, Skip; Gray, William S.; Gatto, Joe P.  
**Cc:** Lesley Peacock  
**Subject:** Oppose HF484 & SF456

Good evening,

Regarding item 49 on this Monday's Council agenda, please OPPOSE State legislation proposed in HF484 and SF456.

Thank you,

Lesley Peacock  
3312 Twana Dr.  
Des Moines

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Anne Hildebrand <battlesword80@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Hensley, Christine L.; Rauh, Diane I.; Moore, Skip; Gray, William S.; Gatto, Joe P.  
**Subject:** For 3-20-17 Council Packet

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council Members,

I live in Ward 1 and am writing you to oppose HF484. Please direct the City's lobbyist to oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Anne Hildebrand  
3900 Merced St  
Des Moines, IA 50310

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Danny Bishop <dannybishop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.; Woodland Heights Organization  
**Subject:** In opposition of Iowa House File 484

Mayor Cownie, City Council Members:

I live in Ward III within the City of Des Moines and I'm opposed to House File 434 in the current legislative session of the Iowa Assembly.

I urge you to represent the will of the residents who oppose this overreaching and politically motivated state legislation.

HF 484 does not serve the interests of the residents of Des Moines, nor those of the customers not living in our city.

Please see that city efforts reflect the will of the residents in this matter.

Dan Robbins  
733 26th St  
Des Moines, IA 50312

## Rauh, Diane I.

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**From:** Patricia Prijatel <patricia.prijatel@drake.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 6:33 PM  
**To:** Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Hensley, Christine L.; Rauh, Diane I.; Moore, Skip; Gray, William S.; Gatto, Joe P.  
**Subject:** Standing Ovation

Dear Council Members and Mayor Cownie:

When was the last time you got a standing ovation from your constituents? Des Moines Water Works CEO Bill Stowe got one this afternoon—from Des Moines residents who know he is the only thing between them and unhealthy water. Please, please, please, do not support HR 484, which is aimed directly at Stowe—no need to pretend otherwise. I trust Stowe—far more than any elected official. He knows how to provide Des Moines with clean water that is sustainable and environmentally sound.

This is about our health. I have had breast cancer twice and both times I have wondered about our water. Bill Stowe is honestly and truly all that is keeping me in Des Moines right now. Without him and the security of clean water, I will reluctantly leave a home I love because I no longer will feel it is healthy for me to stay.

For my health, for yours, for the health of your children and grandchildren, for the health of the entire community, please do not support this dangerous and unproductive legislation.

Thank you.

Patricia Prijatel  
3500 SW 33rd  
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

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**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** claudia addy <docky@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:12 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Oppose water works take over

As with most things to mesh water works will undoubtedly lead to funds being diverted from intended use of water quality to something else like Education which will cause another difficult choice to be foisted on us once again-it is fresh in my mind that Branstad just finished a similar exploit. So don't think it could not occur especially if certain council members had (their and her ) way.

I WANT Bill Stowe to be in charge of my water quality period!!! No one else will do. I trust him with my life which is exactly what water is- life.

Sent from my iPhone