



## City Manager Weekly Report August 8, 2024

### Proposition 1 and Upcoming Budget Retreat

Based on the current results from King County Elections, it appears the City's Proposition 1 did not get the necessary votes to pass. This Proposition would have provided dedicated funding to support police and public safety services and would have insulated the police department from budget cuts that will be occurring when the 2025-26 biannual budget is adopted. City staff have been preparing a proposed budget with and without additional public safety funding and we will be bringing forward budget strategies at the City Council's Budget Retreat on September 5 that will provide potential avenues for cost reduction strategies. The City currently has 4 positions in the police department (including 2 patrol officer positions) that were funded by expiring COVID recovery funds which will be eliminated and the Redondo substation will be closed permanently.

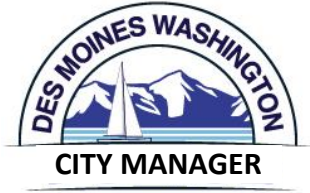
Further budget cuts will be required across all City departments as a result of several years of inflation outpacing revenue the City receives through taxes, fees and other sources. Residents are encouraged to attend the Council's upcoming Budget Retreat as well as City Council meetings to let your voice be heard about what services are important to you and where you believe services can be discontinued.

### Redondo Restroom Replacement Project Update

The Redondo Restroom Replacement Project will begin construction on Monday August 12th, with an anticipated completion date in spring of 2025. The single car parking area in the Redondo Parking Lot will be closed during construction which will likely result in street parking impacts during this timeframe. As always, City staff will diligently monitor parking demand and take necessary measures to accommodate additional parking as needed. The City appreciates the public's patience and understanding as we move forward with construction and we look forward to the completion of this great project.

### A Pop-up Art Exhibition in Des Moines

The Des Moines Legacy Foundation and Inkfish Foundation are sponsoring a pop-up art exhibition at Inkfish Gallery. It's free to the public and will be for one night only on Saturday, August 10th at 5pm. The group show is curated by Fred Andrews and will feature several artists from this area working in various mediums. Inkfish Gallery is in the glass studio of George C. Scott at 22220 7th Avenue South in downtown Des Moines. Some of the artists in the show are: Earl Harper of Harper Studios, Jake Prendez of The Napantla Cultural Arts Gallery, George C. Scott of Inkfish Studios, Anne Sweet of Equinox Studios, and Adrian VanderHoeven of Village Frame and Gallery.









## Upcoming Beach Park Events!

Come on down to the Beach Park! There is something for everyone. On Wednesday August 14, come check out another amazing summer concert featuring Erina McClaren and Back Sass. You'll enjoy a blend of original music and contemporary covers of pop music and classic tracks. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to have a good time with great vibes!

And then, Sunday August 18, the Burien Actors Theatre (BAT) will be descending on the park to present *Fallen Angels* a family-friendly comedy by the English playwright Noël Coward, adapted by Rachel Rene. A '70s adaptation of the 1925 classic.

More information on BAT can be found here: [Welcome to BAT \(battheatre.org\)](http://battheatre.org)

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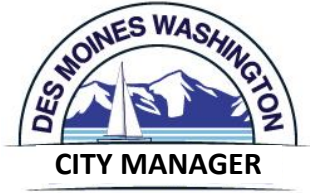
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## Cecil Powell Playground Update

Cecil Powell Park is almost ready for action. We are currently awaiting installation of signage, an ADA picnic table and two benches. In the next week or two, the fences should be down, and we will excitedly welcome the community to enjoy the new playground. Check our Parks and Recreation page for updates in the coming weeks.

<https://www.facebook.com/desmoinesparksandrecreation>



### **Meetings of Interest**

In addition to day to day administrative duties, this week we continued budget meetings with department directors including Public Works, IT, Community Development and the Police Department. The Finance Director and Assistant City Manager also attended these meetings in advance of preparing the draft 2025-26 City budget. I met with the Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster to review and discuss pending grant applications. I met with the owners of property near the new Highline College Link Light Rail Station to discuss redevelopment opportunities. I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss the City Manager recruitment process. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the upcoming City Council meeting. I met with the Finance Director and Assistant City Manager to review options as a result of the Levy Lid Lift not passing. I hosted a roundtable with the City's Department Director's to discuss ongoing and upcoming issues. I met with representatives of several City departments including Community Development, Public Works and Parks & Recreation to discuss a potential long term lease of the City's Beach Park buildings. Finally, I attended the City Council meeting on Thursday night.



## City Council Summary

The City Council met on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, for a Regular Meeting. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Highlights included a presentation by King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove as well as Council approval of an agreement for WSDOT to build and maintain a portion of the Barnes Creek Trail.

The [Environment Committee](#) also met on Thursday evening. The agenda and materials can be found in the link.

There is no City Council meeting next week as the Council does not generally meet on the third Thursday of the month.

## Sports Update

The Mariners continue to excite/drive you to insanity with their inconsistent baseball. We pulled off a miracle last night when Home Run Haniger hit a bases loaded double with 2 outs in the bottom of the ninth to walk it off, thus avoiding a sweep at the hands of the Tigers. The M's remain tied for first in the AL West with the Houston Astros with 46 games left to play this season, buckle up! After an intense week of intersquad melees, the Hawks head south to Los Angeles to open the 2024 preseason against the team formerly known as the San Diego Chargers. Kickoff is Saturday at 4:05 pm on KONG. The Olympics are wrapping up this weekend with the USA dominating the overall medal count and at the moment trailing China by only two in gold medals. All eyes will be on Williamsport next week as the Little League World Series begins, regional finals are being held this weekend. No Sounders or Storm games this weekend, enjoy the sunshine!

Have a great weekend!  
Tim George  
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