

AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION City Council Chambers VIA ZOOM

Thursday, April 7, 2022 - 5:00 PM

NOTE: The City of Des Moines is currently operating under a Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 5, 2020 and Governor Inslee's Stay-at-Home order issued March 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Accordingly, this meeting will be held virtually using Zoom.

Public Comment continues to be encouraged and will be accepted in the following manner:

- (1) In writing, either by completing a [council comment form](#) or by mail; Attn: City Clerk Office, 21630 11th Avenue S., Des Moines WA 98198 no later than 4:00 p.m. day of the meeting. Please provide us with your first and last name and the city in which you live. Your full name and the subject of your public comment will be read into the record at the Council meeting. Incomplete forms will not be read into the record, however the full correspondence will be attached to the Council packet and uploaded to the website as part of the permanent record.
- (2) By participation via Zoom. If you wish to provide oral public comment please complete the [council comment form](#) no later than 4:00 p.m. day of the meeting to receive your Zoom log-in and personal identification number. Please note that Zoom attendees do not interact with one another; they join in listen-only mode until it is their turn to address the Council.

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Note: Comments from the public must be limited to the items of business on the Study Session Agenda per Council Rule 10. Please sign in prior to the meeting and limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

[Public Comment](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Animal Control

City Council/City Manager Roles and Responsibilities

[City Council-City Manager Roles and Responsibilities](#)

Item 1:

GOAL SETTING RETREAT

- Communication
- Public Safety
- Marina
- Parks Programming
- Committees and Miscellaneous

[Council Priorities](#)

[City Council Communication](#)

[City of Des Moines Proposed Ferry Demonstration Project](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 14, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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City	Des Moines
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Zip	98198
Phone	2069408321
Email	cherryadina@gmail.com
Subject	Save The Masonic Home!
	<p>I am writing you today to support rehabilitation of the Masonic Home. Completed in 1926 as a retirement community for members of Washington's Masonic Society, the Masonic Home is a symbol of buildings constructed to last and is a regional landmark representing the history and development of Des Moines. I urge the Des Moines City Council to do everything in its power to support and facilitate the rehabilitation of the Masonic Home. The site is large enough to accommodate new development while also retaining the historic structure. Existing incentives make rehabilitation a viable alternative to demolition and would avoid sending massive amounts of construction debris to the landfill. Furthermore, rehabilitation of existing historic buildings is far more labor-intensive when compared to new construction, which tends to be more materials-intensive. As a result, more dollars are spent on local labor income, which remains in the local economy, as opposed to the purchase of materials which are often manufactured outside of the region and often overseas. We have an opportunity to revitalize one of Washington's great historic landmarks – let's not miss the chance! Thank you for any support you can provide. Adina Cherry</p>
Comment	
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
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Email	pcorbinchao@aol.com
Subject	Are the city and city taxpayers responsible for \$\$\$ damages for lack of animal control resulting in property damage and/or worse personal injury or death.
Comment	Animal control intervention can help " prevent serious injury and possible tragedy" to lives of humans and other animals. As it stands now nothing is in place to help citizens protect themselves from repeat offending animals, nor assisting in helping injured animals. Perhaps prevention is cheaper than a lawsuit.
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Last Name	Halko
Address	22222 Dock Ave S Unit 2B
City	Des Moines
State	Washington
Zip	98198
Phone	206-707-6172
Email	mhalko68@gmail.com
Subject	Marina Finances
Comment	<p>Recently Dan Brewer presented a detailed analysis and report of the Marina's financial history and other than hearsay, I've no reason to dispute his statement. I do have a couple of questions that would help me better understand the dynamics of this issue. If the finances for Redondo Marina are no longer tied with the Des Moines Marina what level of revenue does Redondo produce and how does the cost to revenue ratio compare to Des Moines? Is it true that funds are received for maintaining access for spill and other security right of ways from the state and/or federal government and if so are those funds calculated as marina revenue or city general fund revenue? Do Parks and Recreation or Senior Services departments stand on their own or are they subsidized and if so to what ratio? I have a background in marine transportation and understand the tightrope walk between being competitive, maximizing profits and pricing yourself out of a market and am only interested in obtaining the full scope of this issue. Thank you in advance for your attention and I look forward to your reply. Mike Halko Des Moines, WA</p>
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
Phone	206-878-3392
Email	rodney-hanson@comcast.net
Subject	March 10 Meeting Marina Enterprise Fund
Comment	<p>As a resident of Des Moines for over 40 years I found the detailed explanation of the Marina Funding Model overly complicated and confusing to someone who enjoys the marina, but is not a boat owner. My understanding over the years was that the city did not fund the marina, but it was funded separately by the enterprise fund and paid for exclusively by tenant moorage fees and fuel sales. Or in other words, as a non-boat owner, tax-paying resident of Des Moines, I contributed nothing to marina expenses unless I chose to park my car there (on a day the gates were down). I was very surprised and confused at the comment that the city has "subsidized moorage and fuel costs for decades". I think the council needs to clarify this to non-boat owner residents like me, and if it is true that the city is providing these subsidies, that practice should stop immediately.</p>
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
Phone	2066730064
Email	jackiehop1@msn.com
Subject	Animal Control
Comment	We need an Animal Control Officer in the city of Des Moines. There is no one to call if you find a lost dog or cat, if there are animals being abused or mistreated, or if there is a vicious animal on the loose. This is a real problem that needs to be addressed!
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City	Des Moines
State	Wa
Zip	98198
Phone	2065297520
Email	jsjohn316@comcast.net
Subject	Animal control
Comment	<p>I have been made aware that Des Moines doesn't currently have an animal control officer. Just wondering why I need to have my cats that never go outside need to be licensed? My understanding was that it was to pay for animal control. I have lived in Des Moines 30 years and called for assistance at least a dozen times over those years and never received any kind of assistance. Always an issue that didn't apply to Des Moines animal control. What do my licensing fees go towards?</p>
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Last Name	Malcolm
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
Phone	(206) 354-2645
Email	faunface86@gmail.com
Subject	Urgent need for Des Moines animal services
	<p>On Sunday, 4/3, I became aware that the city of Des Moines does not have an Animal Control Officer, and therefore does not provide animal services for citizens. This puts the public at risk as I will show and must be resolved asap. As my husband and I were walking our dog up 220th, we noticed 2 stray pit bulls loose in the street. The various cuts and wounds on their faces and bodies were apparent even from a distance, and aggression was a clear concern. When the strays took notice of us they immediately ran towards us and my husband unleashed our dog as we've been instructed to do by professionals. While there were certainly tense moments of aggressive behavior exhibited, there were no actual attacks or injuries to any of the dogs, and the safety concern now became the matter of having 3 unleashed dogs in traffic. My husband and I worked together and with the cooperation of approaching vehicles we flagged as we made our way. Thankfully, we returned home safely. To our surprise, with no coaxing, the strays followed us home. We were able to contain them on our deck and contain our own pack of dogs (3 in total), separately. We of course reached out to the city of Des Moines first. This is when we were informed of the city's lack of services, and redirected to</p>

Burien C.A.R.E.S.
Which was closed.
When we did hear from
Burien C.A.R.E.S. we
were informed that they
would accept them
Monday morning when
they open at 9am if we
could transport the
animals to their facility.
2 obvious issues here:
an expectation we can
provide safe boarding
environment for
everyone, and the safe
transport of the dogs.
Would you be in the
confined space of a car
with a stray pit bull
who had shown
aggression towards
your animals, not
knowing what if any
experience they have
with being in a car?
Members of the Des
Moines FB community
recommended RASKC.
I called, they said
they'd take them if we
could transport them.
My husband and I
decided to attempt
loading the dogs, and if
we felt uncomfortable
at any point, we
wouldn't push it. We'd
be back to the drawing
board, but alive to keep
working the problem.
Much to our relief, both
dogs were perfect
angels and we now
knew safe transport
was possible. To our
dismay, when we
arrived at RASKC we
were turned away. The
city of Des Moines is
not contracted for their
services and resources.
They didn't know or
care who I spoke to in
their office. They
insisted I drop the dogs
off at the Des Moines
police station, even
though I explained I'd
already been in contact
with our local law
enforcement, and even
though RASKC was
clear DMPD lacked the
facilities to receive
dogs. After making a
visit to our local police
department in person, I
returned home with the
dogs. Members of the
community provided
additional kennels in
support. As a private
citizen, I was faced
with 2 choices: contain
the dogs on my
property and assume
the full burden of
responsibility for all
risk to myself, my
family, and my
property while I tried to
find someone, anyone,
who could help me, or
to leave the strays free
in our community to

Comment

continue to pose a serious risk to themselves and others. If the city wishes to reenvision the role and services provided by our ACO, I support that. However, there is no excuse for leaving the community at risk while doing so. The dogs were successfully released into the custody of Burien C.A.R.E.S. the morning of Monday, 4/4, where one of their city's multiple ACOs informed me that while they are familiar with these dogs and their history if the owner comes to claim their "property", the most Burien's ACOs can do is "speak with them sternly". They have no authority for disciplinary or follow-up action, not even to the extent of ensuring the well-being of the dogs, given that the owners are residents of Des Moines. Thank you for your attention.

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Last Name	Souffront
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
Phone	2535718706
Email	
Subject	The Landmark
	<p>I am writing you today to support rehabilitation of the Masonic Home. Completed in 1926 as a retirement community for members of Washington's Masonic Society, the Masonic Home is a symbol of buildings constructed to last and is a regional landmark representing the history and development of Des Moines. I urge the Des Moines City Council to do everything in its power to support and facilitate the rehabilitation of the Masonic Home. The site is large enough to accommodate new development while also retaining the historic structure. Existing incentives make rehabilitation a viable alternative to demolition and would avoid sending massive amounts of construction debris to the landfill. Furthermore, rehabilitation of existing historic buildings is far more labor-intensive when compared to new construction, which tends to be more materials-intensive. As a result, more dollars are spent on local labor income, which remains in the local economy, as opposed to the purchase of materials which are often manufactured outside of the region and often overseas. We have an opportunity to revitalize one of Washington's great historic landmarks – let's not miss the chance! Thank you for any support you can</p>

	provide. Sabrina Souffront
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City	Des Moines	
State	WA	
Zip	98198	
Phone	5037206900	
Email	jawright1986@yahoo.com	
Subject	Animal Control	
Comment	Des Moines really needs its own animal control and adoption center. Burien Cares is short staffed and overly crowded.	
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CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Des Moines is a “Code” City with a Council/Manager form of government
- Roles and responsibilities are defined by the laws of the State of Washington (RCW’s).
- These roles and responsibilities cannot be changed by the City Council.

Individual Councilmembers v. City Council as a Collective Body

- City Council may exercise authority as a collective body. A majority vote can accomplish Council related actions (motions, resolutions, ordinances, etc.)
- Individual Councilmembers, acting outside of a meeting, have no individual authority to oversee the Administration – they have no “oversight” duties and none are cited in the statutes

Council-Manager

- **Council-Manager:** consists of an elected city council, which is responsible for policymaking, and a professional city manager, appointed by the Council, who is responsible for administration.

Delineation of Duties Council/Manager

- By state law, the City Council is prohibited from interfering with the Manager's administration. The City Manager, however, is directly accountable to the collective will of the Council and can be removed by a majority vote of the Council.
- The Council-Manager form is based on the model of a business with a board of directors that appoints a chief executive officer.

Council/Manager Roles

Legislative authority	Council
Executive authority	Appointed manager
Selection of CEO	Appointed by Council on the basis of experience
Removal of CEO	Removed by a majority vote of the Council
Appointment of department heads	Manager (no council confirmation)
Removal of department heads	Manager
Policy development	Manager can recommend Recommends annual budget
Policy implementation	Manager
Underlying principles	Separation of politics from administration Promotes economy and efficiency through professional management Strong central executive Follows a business model

State law mandated City Manager Duties

The City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer and head of the administrative branch of the city government. The manager is responsible to implement the City Council's policies to achieve the proper administration of all affairs of the city. The manager's specific duties include the following:

- a. **General supervision** over the administrative affairs of the city;
- b. **Appoints and removes all department heads**, officers, and employees of the city, except councilmembers, subject to the provisions of applicable law, rule, or civil service regulation;
- c. **Attends** all meetings of the city council at which attendance is required by the council;
- d. Sees that **all laws and ordinances are faithfully executed**, subject to the authority to maintain law and order that may be granted to the mayor by the council for times of public danger or emergency;
- e. **Recommends for adoption** by the council such measures as he or she deems necessary or expedient, etc.

COMMUNICATION

Getting the word out and controlling the message. Communication Consultant etc.

Matt Mahoney.
Traci Buxton
Jeremy Nutting
Gene Achziger
JC Harris
Harry Steinmetz

MARINA DEVELOPMENT

Continue to move forward with Marina Development

Matt Mahoney
Vic Pennington
Jeremy Nutting
Harry Steinmetz

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police and city collaboration to solve joint issues, crime, homelessness, mental illness, traffic, noise infractions.

Matt Mahoney
Traci Buxton
Jeremy Nutting
Gene Achziger
Harry Steinmetz

PROGRAMMING

Explore options for enhancing community experience and education, as well as increasing revenue through; more programming in PRSS and expanded partnership with HSD.

Traci Buxton
Vic Pennington
Gene Achziger
Harry Steinmetz

BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT

Matt Mahoney
Traci Buxton
Harry Steinmetz
Gene Achziger

COUNCILMEMBER RESEARCH PROCESS

JC Harris

COMMITTEE/MEETING MODERNIZATIONS:

JC Harris

PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

JC Harris

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

JC Harris

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Harris Steinmetz

SUSTAINABLE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Vic Pennington

MULTI MODAL TRANSPORTATION

Vic Pennington

Continue the development and expansion of our current multi-modal transportation system to include water born transportation (water taxi based in the Marina) from Des Moines to Seattle and Tacoma

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

City Administration recommendation

City Administration issues Request For Qualifications for communications consultant

Upon selection – consultant interviews each City Councilmember individually for an hour

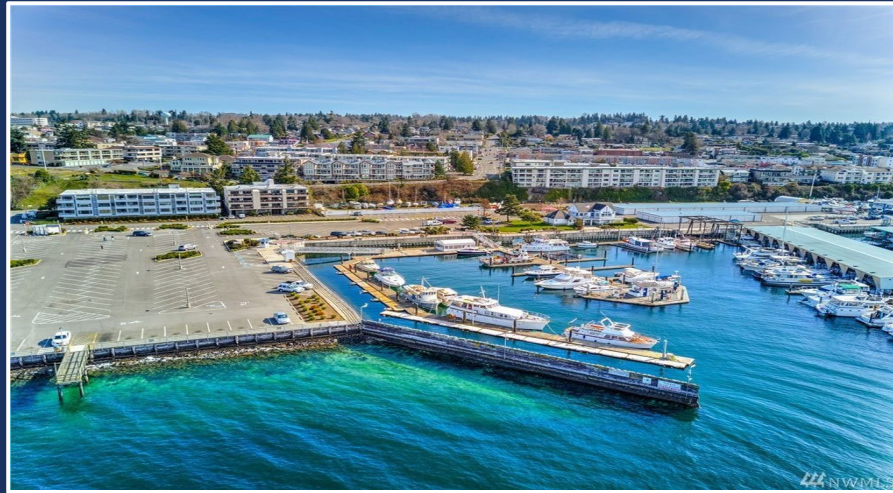
Consultant then compiles results of interviews

Results shared with Council who then construct a Scope of Work (SOW)

City contracts with consultant to undertake the SOW with timelines and deliverables

CITY OF DES MOINES

PROPOSED FERRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT





DES MOINES FERRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- Early 2000 cursory exploration of passenger ferry service from the Marina failed to generate sufficient interest. Project abandoned.
- Today the climate is different
 - Exponential population growth throughout the region (1.7MM to 2.2MM)
 - No commensurate vehicle capacity, in some cases restrictive capacity. (Road diets and Viaduct removal).
 - Need for alternatives to single occupancy vehicles. Marine transit is increasingly fast, comfortable and provides an attractive quality of life alternative to vehicular traffic and accompanying parking space demand.
 - Future electrification of ferry service will reduce carbon emissions and reduce impacts to Puget Sound mammals.

DES MOINES INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS MAKE THIS THE IDEAL TIME TO REVISIT THE IDEA

- 216th St./24th-28th Ave. road improvements enhance access to SeaTac Airport.
- Bulkhead replacement and Marina redevelopment provide a physically attractive homeport.
- Evolving downtown and “Marina Steps” make this attractive to visitors from around the region, creating a regional destination.



INITIAL OUTREACH IN 2019-2020

- Initial outreach with passenger vessel operators resulted in recommendation that the most efficient way to implement a purpose-built operational system is through a Public-Private Partnership.

DEMAND STUDY RESULTS: STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Demand Study commissioned in the 'COVID summer' of 2020. Presentation to City Council in September 2020 revealed strong support from Des Moines community.
 - Strong support from local civic leadership: Des Moines Farmers Market, Quarterdeck, Wesley, FAA and other Des Moines Business Park tenants.
- Ferry would be unique in serving riders in both directions. (Most ferries serve ridership going one way at a time.)
- Ferry service will provide Des Moines residents and South King County region with access to the Seattle Central waterfront and Seattle residents and visitors with access to Des Moines businesses on the Marina (Farmers Market), recreational opportunities, downtown and SeaTac airport.

OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY

- Demand study results garnered interest from vessel operators. Griffin family offered to host demo ride at no cost to the City. 100 passengers round trip maiden voyage in Sept. 2021.
 - Hugely successful and popular with civic and elected leadership.
- City hired Maritime Consulting Partners to review operational feasibility and elements of a potential operational plan.

BOAT DONATED FOR MAIDEN VOYAGE BY GRIFFIN FAMILY



DES MOINES FERRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT



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DEMAND EXISTS AND SERVICE IS OPERATIONALLY & LOGISTICALLY FEASIBLE WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Pilot project (BETA test) proposed for July-October 2022. Four round trips per day, Wednesday through Sunday.
 - Trip length approximately 35 minutes each way.
- Existing infrastructure can be used for docking/loading at the Des Moines Marina.
- Pier space for docking is available in Seattle.
- We are proposing a BETA test, where the results are compiled and presented to City Council in the fall of 2022 to determine future City actions regarding passenger ferry service.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project seeks to establish the following:

- Rider utilization of the service.
- Type of travel (commuter, tourism, airport, special event, other.)
- Origin and destination information.
- Actual operating costs.
- Price point-level of farebox recovery.
- Opportunities to integrate with other transportation services.

FUTURE POTENTIAL

- Passenger ferry service will provide a multi-modal alternative to vehicular traffic and can be linked to the light rail through the Metro community shuttle serving the downtown and the Des Moines Creek Business park.
- Future opportunities exist with popularity of electrification. Popular demand, public financing availability, private sector development of electric ferries.
- Electrification would enhance responsible environmental stewardship of the Sound and minimize impacts to marine mammals including Orcas and reduce impacts to climate change.
- These boats will have operational limits of 17 nautical miles. Des Moines to Seattle and Des Moines to Tacoma are ideal routes.

