

City of Davenport, Iowa
City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The City Council of Davenport, Iowa, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Davenport City Hall, 226 West 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa, with Mayor Gordon presiding and all Aldermen present (R. Dunn, Vasquez, Holloway, Lienen, Gripp, Newton, Blunk, T. Dunn, Jobgen, and Burkholder).

I. Moment of Silence

II. Pledge of Allegiance | Led by Alderwoman Newton

III. Roll Call | **All present**

IV. Meeting Protocol and Decorum

V. Approval of Minutes

APPROVED

Approval of the City Council Meeting minutes for January 28, 2026.

VI. City Administrator Update

VII. Report on Committee of the Whole

APPROVED

Approval of the Report on Committee of the Whole for February 4, 2026.

CITY HALL, 226 WEST 4TH STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Davenport, Iowa, Wednesday, February 4, 2026 -- The Davenport City Council met in Committee of the Whole at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Gordon presiding. The Council observed a moment of silence. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Gripp. Upon the roll being called, all Aldermen were present (R. Dunn, Vasquez, Holloway, Lienen, Gripp, Newton, Blunk, T. Dunn, Jobgen, and Burkholder).

The following Public Hearings were held: **Public Works:** 1. on the specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the CY 2026 Pedestrian Curb Ramp Retrofit Program, CIP #35066; 2. on the specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the CY 2026 Contract Milling Program, CIP #35041; 3. on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Glaspell Street Rehabilitation project, CIP #35062; 4. on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Jebens Avenue (West 61st Street to West 62nd Street) Reconstruction project, CIP #35062; and 5. on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the West 15th Street (Harrison Street to Brady Street) Mill and Overlay project, CIP #35062.

Action Items for Discussion: (The votes on all motions were by voice vote. All votes were unanimous unless specifically noted.) **Community Development:** Alderman Lienen reviewed both items listed. On motion by Alderman Holloway, seconded by Alderman Gripp both items moved to the Consent Agenda. **Public Safety:** Alderman Jobgen reviewed all items listed. On motion by Alderman T. Dunn, seconded by Alderwoman Burkholder all items moved to the Consent Agenda. **Public Works:** Alderman R. Dunn reviewed all items listed. On motion by Alderman Vasquez, seconded by Alderwoman Burkholder all items moved to the Consent Agenda. **Finance:** Alderwoman Newton reviewed both items listed. On motion by Alderman Blunk, seconded by Alderwoman Burkholder both items moved to the Consent Agenda. **Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions:** Alderman Gripp reviewed both items listed. On motion by Alderwoman Newton, seconded by Alderman Lienen item #1, Motion appointing Alderman Blunk, Alderman Lienen, Alderwoman Newton, and Alderman

Vasquez to the Code of Conduct Committee, moved to the Consent Agenda. A motion was moved by Alderman Gripp to suspend the rules to amend the Executive Session to add a topic to discuss strategy with counsel in matters involving litigation pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Newton and upon the roll being called, all Aldermen present voted aye and the rules were suspended. A motion to add an Executive Session topic to discuss strategy with counsel in matters involving litigation pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) was moved by Alderman R. Dunn, seconded by Alderman Lienen, and approved.

On motion by Alderwoman Newton, seconded by Alderman Gripp and all Aldermen present voting aye, Council recessed to Executive Session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters involving litigation pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c), to evaluate the professional competency of an individual in closed session as requested by that individual pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i), and to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.9 at **6:16 p.m.** Council reconvened in Executive Session at **6:22 p.m.** with Mayor Gordon and all Aldermen present (Blunk, Burkholder, R. Dunn, T. Dunn, Gripp, Holloway, Jobgen, Lienen, Newton, and Vasquez). Others present included Corporation Counsel Sam Huff, Interim City Administrator Tim Gleason (litigation, left at **6:56 p.m.**), Human Resources Director Alison Fleming (personnel, joined at **6:57 p.m.**), and Deputy City Clerk Brian Krup. On motion by Alderman Jobgen and seconded by Alderwoman Newton, Council returned to open session at **7:46 p.m.** On motion by Alderman Holloway and seconded by Alderman R. Dunn, Council adjourned at **7:46 p.m.**

VIII. Appointments, Proclamations, Etc.

A. Appointments

APPROVED 2026-39

1. Design Review Board
 - Karla Anderson (re-appointment)
2. Affirmative Action Advisory Commission
 - Vera Kelly (re-appointment)
 - Tyla Sherwin-Cole (re-appointment)
3. Riverfront Improvement Commission
 - Paul Reinartz (new appointment | Mayor)

B. Proclamations

ISSUED 2026-40

1. Black History Month | February 2026

IX. Petitions and Communications from Council Members and the Mayor

X. Individual Approval of Items on the Discussion Agenda

XI. Approval of All Items on the Consent Agenda

On motion by Alderwoman Newton, seconded by Alderman Gripp and all Aldermen present voting aye, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows.

1. Second Consideration: Ordinance amending Chapter 8.12 entitled "Nuisances" of the Municipal Code of Davenport, Iowa, to update language in accordance with Iowa State Code and update the problem area nuisance list. [All Wards] **MOVED TO THIRD CONSIDERATION**

2. Second Consideration: Ordinance amending Chapter 10.16 entitled "Traffic Control Devices" of the Municipal Code of Davenport, Iowa, to clarify authority related to traffic fines. [All Wards]

MOVED TO THIRD CONSIDERATION

3. Second Consideration: Ordinance amending Chapter 10.40 entitled "Speed Restrictions" of the Municipal Code of Davenport, Iowa, to clarify the applicability of posted and code-established speed limits. [All Wards]

MOVED TO THIRD CONSIDERATION

4. Second Consideration: Ordinance amending Schedule VI Speed Limits of Chapter 10.96 entitled "Schedules" of the Municipal Code of Davenport, Iowa, by changing West 3rd Street from Marquette Street to Brown Street to a 25-mph speed zone. [Ward 3]

MOVED TO THIRD CONSIDERATION

5. Second Consideration: Ordinance amending Chapter 3.20 entitled "Sales and Service Tax" of the Municipal Code of Davenport, Iowa, by amending Section 3.20.020 and repealing Section 3.20.030 to align with Iowa Code. [All Wards]

MOVED TO THIRD CONSIDERATION

6. Resolution extending the moratorium upon new solar farms as a principal use and freestanding solar panels as an accessory use until June 25, 2026, to align with the anticipated completion of the West Davenport Land Use and Infrastructure Study. [All Wards]

ADOPTED 2026-41

7. Resolution approving an amendment to the Lease Agreement to revise lease payments with BZE Holdings, Inc, d/b/a Boozie's Bar & Grill, at the Freight House. [Ward 3]

ADOPTED 2026-42

8. Resolution approving street, lane, and public ground closure requests on the listed dates and times for outdoor events.

ADOPTED 2026-43

Quad City Symphony Orchestra; Symphony Day; RiverCenter/Adler Theatre | 136 East 3rd Street; 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2026; **Closure**: northernmost parking lane/loading zone, westbound traffic lane, and center lane on East 3rd Street from Brady Street to Iowa Street. [Ward 3]

Center for Active Seniors, Inc; 43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Race; Downtown; Saturday, March 14, 2026; **Closures**: 4:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2nd Street from Harrison Street to Brady Street; 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 2nd Street from Harrison Street to Ripley Street; 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. two westernmost travel lanes and parking lane on Brady Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street; 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 3rd Street from Brady Street to Gaines Street; 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 3rd Street from Gaines Street to Division Street; 9:50 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. all lanes of Brady Street from River Drive to 3rd Street. [Ward 3]

St. Patrick's Society; Grand Parade XL; Downtown; approximately 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026; **Closures**: Gaines Street from the Centennial Bridge to 3rd Street; 3rd Street from Gaines Street to the RiverCenter where the parade disbands. [Ward 3]

Daiquiri Factory, Mac's Tavern, Kilkenny's, Carriage Haus, and Collette's Dueling Piano Bar; I Love the 90's Block Party; 300 block of West 3rd Street; 7:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2026 -

6:00 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026; **Closure:** West 3rd Street from Harrison Street to Ripley Street. [Ward 3]

9. Resolution accepting work completed under the 2024 Bridge Maintenance Program | East Locust Street Bridge Over the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway Rehabilitation project by Cramer and Associates, Inc of Grimes, Iowa, in the amount of \$970,085.55, CIP #21009. [Ward 5]

ADOPTED 2026-44

10. Resolution accepting work completed under the Veterans Memorial Parkway Trail Extension project by Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC of Cascade, Iowa, in the amount of \$709,783.40, CIP #28027. [Ward 8]

ADOPTED 2026-45

11. Resolution accepting work completed under the Main Street (Palmer Drive to Locust Street) Resurfacing project by Hawkeye Paving Corporation of Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$530,568.73, CIP #35061. [Ward 3 & 5]

ADOPTED 2026-46

12. Resolution awarding a contract for the Eastern Avenue Bridge Over Duck Creek Replacement project to Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc of Bellevue, Iowa, in the amount of \$3,034,897.22, subject to Iowa Department of Transportation concurrence, CIP #21014. [Ward 5 & 6]

ADOPTED 2026-47

13. Resolution awarding a contract for the Brady Street and 12th Street Traffic Signal Installation project to Davenport Electric Contract Company of Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$149,008.10, subject to Iowa Department of Transportation concurrence, CIP #38025. [Ward 3]

ADOPTED 2026-48

14. Resolution approving the specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the CY 2026 Pedestrian Curb Ramp Retrofit Program, CIP #35066. [All Wards]

ADOPTED 2026-49

15. Resolution approving the specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the CY 2026 Contract Milling Program, CIP #35041. [All Wards]

ADOPTED 2026-50

16. Resolution approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Glaspell Street Rehabilitation project, CIP #35062. [Ward 1]

ADOPTED 2026-51

17. Resolution approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Jebens Avenue (West 61st Street to West 62nd Street) Reconstruction project, CIP #35062. [Ward 2]

ADOPTED 2026-52

18. Resolution approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the West 15th Street (Harrison Street to Brady Street) Mill and Overlay project, CIP #35062. [Ward 5]

ADOPTED 2026-53

19. Resolution adopting the most recent published editions of the Iowa Statewide Urban Design Standards for Public Improvements, the Iowa Statewide Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements, and the City of Davenport Supplemental Specifications manuals. [All Wards]

ADOPTED 2026-54

20. Resolution introducing the proposed Resolution of Necessity covering the 2026 Alley Cost Share Program. [Wards 4 & 5] **ADOPTED 2026-55**

21. Resolution assessing the cost of boarding up buildings at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-56**

22. Resolution assessing the cost of brush and debris removal at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-57**

23. Resolution assessing the cost of condemned property demolitions at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-58**

24. Resolution assessing the cost of repairing sewer laterals at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-59**

25. Resolution assessing the cost of sidewalk replacement at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-60**

26. Resolution assessing the cost of tree removal at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-61**

27. Resolution assessing the cost of weed cutting at various lots and tracts of real estate. [All Wards] **ADOPTED 2026-62**

28. Resolution approving a lease agreement with CoWorkQC, LLC for approximately 3,060 square feet of retail space located at 102 East 2nd Street, and authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to execute the lease and any related documents. [Ward 3] **ADOPTED 2026-63**

29. Motion approving noise variance requests on the listed dates and times for outdoor events. **PASSED 2026-64**

St. Patrick's Society; Grand Parade XL; Downtown (see attached parade route); 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026; Outdoor music, over 50 dBA. [Ward 3]

Nick Hansen; Quad City Night Meet; Harrison Street Parking Ramp (upper level) | 331 West 3rd Street; 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2026; Outdoor music/DJ, over 50 dBA. [Ward 3]

Daiquiri Factory, Mac's Tavern, Kilkenny's, Carriage Haus, and Collette's Dueling Piano Bar; I Love the 90's Block Party; 300 block of West 3rd Street; 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2026 - 12:00 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026; Outdoor music/band, over 50 dBA. [Ward 3]

30. Motion approving beer and liquor license applications. **PASSED 2026-65**

A. Annual License Renewals (with Outdoor Area as noted):

Ward 2

GD Xpress (Ram II, LLC) - 4607 North Pine Street - License Type: Class E Liquor (Carry-Out)

Ward 5

Stadium Club (SIS, Inc) - 2828 Brady Street - License Type: Class C Liquor (On-Premises)

31. Motion appointing Alderman Blunk, Alderman Lienen, Alderwoman Newton, and Alderman Vasquez to the Code of Conduct Committee. [All Wards] **PASSED 2026-66**

XII. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

A motion for suspension of the rules to amend the Executive Session to add a topic to discuss a real estate transaction pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) was moved by Alderwoman Newton and seconded by Alderman Lienen. Upon the roll being called, all Aldermen present voted aye and the rules were suspended.

A motion to amend the Executive Session to add a topic to discuss a real estate transaction pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) was moved by Alderwoman Newton and seconded by Alderman Gripp. Upon the roll being called, all Aldermen present voted aye, and the Executive Session was amended.

XIII. Public with Business

XIV. Final Comments from Council Members and the Mayor

XV. Executive Session

*On motion by Alderman Jobgen, seconded by Alderwoman Burkholder, and upon the roll being called, all Aldermen present voting aye, Council recessed to Executive Session to discuss a real estate transaction pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) and to discuss strategy with counsel in matters involving litigation pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) at **6:54 p.m.** Council reconvened in Executive Session at **7:00 p.m.** with Mayor Gordon and all Aldermen present (Blunk, Burkholder, R. Dunn, T. Dunn, Gripp, Holloway, Jobgen, Lienen, Newton, and Vasquez). Others present included Corporation Counsel Sam Huff, Interim City Administrator Tim Gleason, Community and Economic Development Director Bruce Berger (real estate, left at **7:14 p.m.**), and Deputy City Clerk Brian Krup. On motion by Alderwoman Newton and seconded by Alderman R. Dunn, Council returned to open session at **9:00 p.m.** On motion by Alderwoman Newton and seconded by Alderman Gripp, Council adjourned at **9:00 p.m.***

Brian Krup
Deputy City Clerk