

City of West Des Moines

Council Agenda

date: Monday, March 23, 2026

time: 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Russ Trimble

Council Member At Large

Council Member At Large Matthew McKinney

Council Member 1st Ward Kevin L. Trevillyan

Council Member 2nd Ward Greg Hudson

Council Member 3rd Ward..... Doug Loots

City Manager..... Tom Hadden

City Attorney Greta Truman

City Clerk Ryan Jacobson

West Des Moines City Hall - City Council Chambers
4200 Mills Civic Parkway

*Members of the public wishing to participate telephonically, may do so by calling:
515-207-8241, Enter Conference ID: 477 897 487#*

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**

- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Motion - Approval of Agenda

- 3. Public Hearings**
 - a. FY 2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Rate - City Initiated

- 4. Receive and File**
 - a. Special Meeting Notice

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City of West Des Moines City Council Meeting Communication

Date: March 23, 2026

Item: Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Property Tax Rate

Background: Chapter 24.2A, Code of Iowa, requires a public hearing on the proposed City property tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. This hearing must occur during its own meeting; in other words, and no other city business can be discussed in the meeting at which this hearing takes place. This meeting/hearing must be held prior to establishing the City's public hearing on the fiscal year 2026-27 budget (that hearing is scheduled to occur during the regular City Council meeting of April 20, 2026).

Financial Impact: The proposed maximum property levy rate of \$10.80 will allow the City to levy up to \$78,008,038 in FY 2026-27 through all levies as was articulated on the public notice. This proposed rate represents no change from the current fiscal year.

Outstanding Issues:

None.

2040 Plan Strategic Goals Supported (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> A Thriving City of Homes <input type="checkbox"/> A Bold Laboratory for Economic Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Talent That Powers Tomorrow <input type="checkbox"/> A Model City for Innovation and Resilience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A (ex: Items Related to Basic Operations)	Explanation:
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Recommendation: Conduct the public hearing and direct staff to continue with the required remaining steps towards adoption of the FY 2026-27 budget.

Other Alternatives (if applicable):

None.

Lead Staff Member: Chris Hamlett, Senior Budget Analyst *Ch*

Staff Reviews

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director <i>TS</i>
Legal	Greta Truman, City Attorney <i>GT</i>
Agenda Acceptance	<i>RTG</i>

Publication(s) (if applicable)

Published In	Des Moines Register
Dates(s) Published	March 6, 2026

Subcommittee Review (if applicable)

Committee	NA		
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF WEST DES MOINES - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 77-727
WEST DES MOINES Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 **Meeting Time:** 05:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Council Chambers of West Des Moines City Hall
 At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
 wdm.iowa.gov

City Telephone Number
 (515) 222-3600

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	6,777,257,047	6,993,905,998	6,993,905,998
Consolidated General Fund	53,993,526	53,993,526	55,167,861
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	1,604,448	1,604,448	1,675,250
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	3,797,433	3,797,433	3,277,554
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	854,409	854,409	2,055,159
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	7,909,135,932	8,289,117,526	8,289,117,526
Debt Service	15,106,450	15,106,450	15,832,214
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	75,356,266	75,356,266	78,008,038
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	10.80000	10.43706	10.80000
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	6,322,599	6,680,959	6,680,959
Ag Land	18,992	18,992	20,068
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.84271	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	512	529	3.32
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,226	2,471	11.01

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
 The proposed property tax rate for FY 26 (\$10.80) will be no change from the current year (\$10.80). The overall property tax dollars to be levied in FY 27 will increase due to the growth of the city. The increase will be used to offset expense increases in personnel, supplies, and services.