

# Be civically engaged! City Council Watch Party

COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING OFFICE

What are the advantages of regularly attending city council meetings?

- Know what's happening in the community
- Learn about the stances of specific members
- Be able to express community concerns
- Gain knowledge for the upcoming elections this fall!

How to find meeting agendas and zoom links

1. Go to [dsm.city/government/council\\_meetings\\_and\\_agendas](https://dsm.city/government/council_meetings_and_agendas)
2. Wait for the agenda to be posted for the meeting you're meaning to watch
3. review agenda and join meeting using the zoom link in the agenda at the specified time

Questions to consider while watching:

- Did community members talk? If so, what were they concerned about?
- What decisions were the most divided? Where do you stand?
- What are the main issues facing Des Moines right now?

Who's on Des Moines City Council?

- Mayor: Frank Cownie
- Members at large:
  - Carl Voss
  - Connie Boesen
- Ward 1: Bill Gray
- Ward 2: Linda Westergaard
- Ward 3: Josh Madelbaum
- Ward 4: Joe Gatto

For a map of DSM ward zones, go to <https://maps.dsm.city/docs/maps/WardsSmall.pdf>

How to Join

- Have the link emailed to you by registering with this eventbrite:
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-council-watch-party-and-reflection-tickets-144061510857>