

March 16, 2026

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Harold E. Getty Council Chambers
4:40 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Items

Roll Call.

Members present: Mayor Dave Boesen in the Chair. Roll Call: Mr. Morrow, Ms. Creighton-Smith, Ms. Berry, Mr. Martin and Mr. Simon. Mr. Schmitt arrived at 4:42 p.m. Mr. Salamanca was absent.

Agenda, as proposed or amended.

that the agenda as proposed be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Five. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of the March 2, 2026 Work Session, as proposed or amended.

that the minutes of the March 2, 2026, Work Session, be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Five. Motion carried.

Work Session Items

Discussion of a Riverfront Stadium Feasibility Study.

Dillon Gillman, AECOM, provided an overview of the feasibility study conducted for Riverfront Stadium.

Michelle Sweeney, AECOM, commented on the current location and potential development sites and the benefits and opportunities for each.

Mayor Boesen commented that it is important to consider site selection in the future, with amenities so that people stay around after the game.

Michelle Sweeney added that visibility is another factor.

Mr. Schmitt questioned if Ms. Sweeney had a preference for any sites.

Michelle Sweeney commented that though she would not want to recommend one over the other, she does see greater potential for benefits with the crossroads and downtown areas.

Mr. Morrow questioned if levies or other forms of flood protection were considered for the current location.

Michelle Sweeney commented that it did not include any flood protection and that would

substantially increase the cost.

Mr. Morrow questioned what the cost would be to build a levy at the current site.

Michelle Sweeney shared that the estimated cost would be \$11 million for a levy.

Ms. Creighton-Smith questioned what the seating capacity would be.

Michelle Sweeney commented that it would be negotiated.

Dillon Gillman shared that with the benchmarking analysis and the historical performance of the Buck's franchise here in Waterloo, keeping a similar seating capacity would be appropriate. It is also the hope that, with the improvements, it will be highly utilized.

Ms. Creighton-Smith commented that next largest stadium is approximately three-hundred miles away and, with Waterloo being a regional hub for education, commerce, etc., we should be able to capitalize on that to draw in more people.

Mr. Simon asked if there is an opportunity for a private public partnership, for example, including a Top-Golf type situation.

Michelle Sweeney confirmed that they have looked at the various other opportunities and those would be reflected in the design process.

Todd Derifield, Leisure Services Director, asked council to reach out with feedback as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin/Schmitt

that the council adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk