The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on August 15, 2022, in the second-floor Council Chambers of the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street.

Present: Mayor Cavanagh; Council Members Farber, Jones, Resnick, Roussell, Sprank, Wethal; City Manager Van Milligen (participated virtually), City Attorney Brumwell.

Mayor Cavanagh read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting work sessions on federal and state grant updates and Imagine Dubuque.

WORK SESSIONS (2)

1. Federal and State Grant Updates - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant Updates and Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

Director of Strategic Partnerships Teri Goodmann, ICMA Local Government Management Fellow Abhishek Rai, and Technical Grant Analyst/Assistant Justin Thiltgen made a presentation and responded to a question from the City Council regarding the trail connection grant for the 16th St. Bridge. Due to time constraints, Mayor Cavanagh requested Council Members email all additional questions to the presenters.

This work session concluded at 6:00 p.m.

2. Imagine Dubuque Implementation

Planning Services Manager Wally Wernimont and Assistant Planner Chris Happ Olson made a presentation and responded to a question from the City Council regarding neighborhood association engagement in implementing the comprehensive plan.

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

/s/Adrienne N. Breitfelder
City Clerk
The Dubuque City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on August 15, 2022, in the second-floor Council Chambers of the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street.

Present: Mayor Cavanagh; Council Members Farber, Jones, Resnick, Roussell, Sprank, Wethal; City Manager Van Milligen (participated virtually and experienced technical difficulties during roll call), City Attorney Brumwell.

Mayor Cavanagh read the call and stated this is a regular session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting such business that may properly come before the City Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION(S)

1. COVID-19 Update: Public Health Specialist Mary Rose Corrigan provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and response activities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Ryan Sempf, 7819 Commerce Park, requested Item No. 22 be held for separate discussion. Motion by Resnick to receive and file the documents, adopt the resolutions, and dispose of as indicated except for Item No. 22. Seconded by Farber. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes and Reports Submitted: City Council proceedings of 8/1/22 and 8/8/22; Historic Preservation Commission of 7/21/22; Long Range Planning Advisory Commission of 7/20/22; Zoning Advisory Commission of 8/3/22; Zoning Board of Adjustment of 7/28/22; Proof of publication for City Council proceedings of 7/5/22 and 7/18/22. Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

2. Notice of Claims and Suits: Muhamed Dogic for vehicle damage. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and referred to the City Attorney.

3. Disposition of Claims: City Attorney advised that the following claims have been referred to Public Entity Risk Services of Iowa, the agent for the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool: Carolyn Bennett for vehicle damage; Muhamed Dogic for vehicle damage. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and concurred.

4. Approval of City Expenditures: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 266-22 Authorizing the Director of Finance and Budget/City Treasurer to make certain payments of bills that must be paid and approved for payment in accordance with City procedures was adopted.

5. Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant - Deereville Neighborhood Intensive Architectural and Historical Survey: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 267-22 Authorizing CLG Grant Application to State Historic Preservation Office for the Deereville Intensive Survey was adopted.
6. Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant – Voelker Highlands Intensive Architectural and Historical Survey: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 268-22 Authorizing CLG Grant Application to State Historic Preservation Office for the Voelker Highlands Intensive Survey was adopted.

7. Plat of Survey of Y-Camp Place No. 2: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 269-22 Approving the Final Plat of Survey of Y-Camp Place No. 2, Dubuque County, Iowa was adopted.

8. Pre-Annexation Agreement – Robert J and Kathleen L Kieffer Family Joint Revocable Trust: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 270-22 Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Robert J and Kathleen L Kieffer Family Joint Revocable Trust was adopted.

9. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Funds: Grant Administration Agreement for the Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Business Assistance Grant Program: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 271-22 Grant Administration Agreement with the Fountain of Youth Program to administer the Low- and Moderate-Income Small Business Assistance Grant Program was adopted.

10. Letter of Support to National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Program in Support of Community through Creativity Proposal from Voices Productions in Partnership with Dubuque Museum of Art: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

11. Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Childhood Lead Poisoning and Healthy Homes Funding and Agreement with the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and the Dubuque County Board of Health: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

12. Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Detailed Budget for the Five Flags Civic Center: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

13. Former Pyatigorsk Park Renaming Process Proposal: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

14. Notice of Award and Approval to Execute Agreement for 2022-2023 City of Dubuque AmeriCorps Program: Creating Opportunities: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

15. Acceptance of Sanitary Sewer Improvements across Dubuque Initiatives Property behind 1500 Radford Road in Dubuque: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 272-22 Accepting Public Sanitary Sewer Improvements across Part of Lot 1 of Dubuque Industrial Center 14th Addition, in the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County Iowa was adopted.

16. Acceptance of Subdivision Improvements in Stone Brook Center Third Addition: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 273-22 Accepting Public Improvements in Stone Brook Center Third Addition, in the City of Dubuque, Iowa was adopted.

17. Mystique Ice Center Arena Rink Excavating & Demolition Project: Acceptance of Public
Improvement Construction Contract - Mystique Settling Remediation: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 274-22 Accepting the Mystique Ice Center Arena Rink Excavating & Demolition Project was adopted.

18. Acceptance of Public Water Distribution System Improvements in Wildflower Ridge Subdivision, in Dubuque County, Iowa: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 275-22 Accepting Public Water Distribution System Improvements in Wildflower Ridge Subdivision, in Dubuque County, Iowa was adopted.

19. Signed Contract(s): No-Cost Grant Extension Amendment to 2021-2022 AmeriCorps Partners in Learning Grant; Graymont Western Lime, Inc. for the Eagle Point Water Plant High Calcium Quicklime; Shive Hattery for MSC EV Chargers. Upon motion the documents were received and filed.

20. Improvement Contracts / Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds McDermott Excavating for the Wilbricht Lane Detention Basin Project. Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

21. Downtown Rehabilitation Loan for 378 Main Street: Upon motion the documents were received, filed, and approved.

22. Letter in Support of Refugee Resettlement: Mr. Sempf thanked City Council for their consideration of this agenda item and stated the importance of considering various ways to bring individuals to Dubuque. Motion by Jones to receive and file the letter. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.

23. Termination of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Agreement between the City of Dubuque and Dubuque for Refugee Children: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 276-22 Termination of Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG-CV Nonprofit Support Grant Agreement with Dubuque for Refugee Children was adopted.

24. Alcohol and Tobacco License Applications: Upon motion the documents were received and filed, and Resolution No. 277-22 Approving applications for beer, liquor, and/or wine permits, as required by City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Title 4 Business and License Regulations, Chapter 2 Liquor Control, Article B Liquor, Beer and Wine Licenses and Permits and 278-22 Approving applications for retail cigarette/tobacco sales/nicotine/vapor permits, as required by Iowa Code Chapter 453A.47A were adopted.

ITEMS SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Roussell to receive and file the documents, adopt the resolutions, and set the public hearings as indicated. Seconded by Sprank. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Comiskey Park – Phase 1 Redevelopment Project: Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on the Approval of the Project Schedule Enhancement Payment and the Award of the Public Improvement Contract on the Project: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 279-22 Setting a public hearing on the award of a contract to Portzen Construction Inc. for the Re-Imagine Comiskey Park Master Plan Phase One Redevelopment Project and approval of the project schedule enhancement payment was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on August 22, 2022 in the Grand River
2. Carnegie-Stout Library – Roofs 1 & 2 Restoration Project: Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 280-22 Carnegie-Stout Roofs 1 & 2 Restoration Project: preliminary approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost; setting date of public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on September 6, 2022 in the Historic Federal Building.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Applications were reviewed for the following Boards and Commissions. Applicants were invited to address the City Council regarding their desire to serve on the following Boards/Commissions.

1. Airport Commission: Two, 4-Year terms through September 14, 2026 (Expiring terms of Blocker and Philips). Applicants: Robert Blocker, 880 Kane St.; Michael Phillips, 955 Washington St. This commission is subject to the State of Iowa gender Balance Law. 5 Commissioners total; Currently 1 male / 2 females / 2 openings. Mr. Blocker spoke in support of his application and provided a brief biography.

2. Zoning Advisory Commission: One, 3-Year term through July 1, 2024 (Vacant term of Sweet). Applicant: Ryan Sempf, 7819 Commerce Park. This commission is subject to the State of Iowa gender Balance Law. 7 Commissioners total; Currently 3 males / 3 females / 1 opening. Mr. Sempf spoke in support of his application and provided a brief biography.

PUBLIC INPUT

Regarding Action Items No. 2 and 3, Jon Denham, 1955 Pulpit Rock Ln., Vice President of the Dubuque Soccer Alliance, spoke in favor of the action items and provided a brief biography of the Dubuque Soccer Alliance and their desire to purchase the Dubuque Soccer Complex.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Introduction of Assistant City Attorney Jason Lehman: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and listen to the presentation. Seconded by Sprank. City Attorney Brumwell introduced Assistant City Attorney Jason Lehman, who provided a brief biography. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Dubuque Soccer Alliance Letter: Motion by Resnick to receive and file the documents. Seconded by Farber. City Council Members expressed support for the Dubuque Soccer Alliance and their goal to purchase the Dubuque Soccer Complex. City Council Members also concurred with considering any funding support for the Dubuque Soccer Alliance during council’s annual goal setting. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Letter of Support for Dubuque Soccer Alliance Bid for Dubuque Soccer Complex: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and approve the letter. Seconded by Sprank. City Attorney Brumwell read the letter into the record. City Council Members expressed enthusiasm for the letter. Motion carried 7-0.
4. National Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach Report: Motion by Resnick to receive and file the documents. Seconded by Roussell. Housing and Community Development Director Alexis Steger summarized the report and responded to questions from the City Council regarding the average wage of renters, the types of income analyzed for the report, and potential solutions. Motion carried 7-0.

5. City Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Update to Dubuque County Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) 5-Year Plan and City Council Representative to REAP Committee: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents, appoint Council Member Sprank as the City Representative, and approve the update. Seconded by Farber. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Sprank reported on volunteering for the Dubuque Area Labor Harvest’s food giveaway event and stated that he intends to confer their funding needs at council’s upcoming goal setting sessions.

Council Member Farber reported on attending the 2022 Field of Miracles Game hosted by Miracle League of Dubuque and FOX Sports. Council Member Farber thanked Council Member Resnick for also attending the event.

Council Member Jones congratulated the City of Dyersville and Travel Dubuque on hosting Major League Baseball’s recent Field of Dreams game.

Council Member Wethal reported on attending Fountain of Youth’s graduation ceremony.

Council Member Cavanagh reported on attending the Art on the River opening celebration and encouraged residents to view the exhibit.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Jones to convene in closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss Purchase or Sale of Real Estate – Chapter 21.5(1)(j) Code of Iowa. Seconded by Resnick. Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that the attorney who will consult with City Council on the issues to be discussed in the closed session is City Attorney Brumwell. Motion carried 7-0.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:09 p.m. stating that staff had been given proper direction.

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

/s/ Adrienne N. Breitfelder
City Clerk