

**CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL SESSION
OFFICIAL**

The City Council met in special session at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 in Room 4 at the Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street.

Present: Mayor Buol, Council Members Braig, Connors, Jones (joined at 4:37 p.m.), Lynch, Resnick, Sutton; City Manager Van Milligen, City Attorney Lindahl

Also present: Assistant City Managers Steinhauser and Goodman, Assistant City Attorney Quann.

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council to conduct the annual City Council Goal Setting.

**CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING SESSION
FISCAL YEAR 2015
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Lyle Sumek, of Sumek and Associates, facilitated the FY 2015 City Council's goal setting session. Council reviewed the achievements for 2012-2013, discussed the challenges, opportunities, and objectives; and prioritized actions identified within the following City goals:

- City Goal 1 – Planned and Managed Growth
- City Goal 2 – Partnering for a Better Dubuque
- City Goal 3 – Improved Connectivity: Transportation and Telecommunications

Following discussion, the City Council reached consensus on the following goals and priorities for 2013-2019.

2028 DUBUQUE VISION STATEMENT

The city of Dubuque is a progressive, sustainable city with a strong diversified economy and expanding global connections. The Dubuque community is an inclusive community celebrating culture and heritage and has actively preserved our Masterpiece on the Mississippi. Dubuque citizens experience healthy living and retirement through quality, livable neighborhoods with an abundance of fun things to do; and are engaged in the community, achieving goals through partnerships. Dubuque city government is financially sound and is providing services with citizens getting value for their tax dollar.

CITY MISSION STATEMENT

The City's mission is to deliver excellent municipal services that support urban living, and contribute to a sustainable city. The City plans for the community's future, and facilitates access to critical human services. The result is a financially sound city government and citizens getting services and value for their tax dollar.

FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY GOALS FOR A SUSTAINABLE DUBUQUE

- Economic Prosperity
- Environmental Integrity
- Social/Cultural Vibrancy

FIVE-YEAR CITY GOALS

- Planned and Managed Growth
- Partnering for a Better Dubuque
- Improved Connectivity: Transportation and Telecommunications

FIVE-YEAR ORGANIZATIONAL GOAL

- Financially Responsible City Government and High Performance Organization

POLICY AGENDA 2013 – 2015

Top Priorities: (in alphabetical order)

- Arts and Culture organizations City support: evaluation, potential projects review and priority, overall direction, funding level
- Annexation: Direction on specific actions a) study implementation, b) corridor to Airport
- Dubuque welcoming, inclusive community action plan
- Four Mounds Foundation/HEART program City support
- Management and Employee Succession Planning and Funding
- Master Plan for Chaplain Schmitt Island: Development
- Safe Community Initiative: Monitoring, future direction, specific actions
- Washington Neighborhood Strategy: Business attraction, HEART program, update housing stock, homeownership, promotion, police substation

High Priorities: (in alphabetical order)

- Bee Branch Project: Specific projects, direction, funding
- Clean Air Attainment Strategy
- Greater Dubuque Development Corporation support
- Historic Millwork District: Development, project monitoring
- Indoor Aquatic Center: Direction
- Riverfront Leases: Agreement
- Smarter Sustainable Dubuque: Smarter Health and Wellness, Smarter Travel, Smarter Discards
- Southwest Arterial Project: Design, land acquisition, intersecting road

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk

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