

# NEWS RELEASE

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## City Council Completes Annual Goal-Setting Sessions

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council completed its annual goal-setting sessions last night. Over the course of two days in late August and a follow-up session last night, City Council members reaffirmed the 15-year vision statement, mission statement, and goals. They also identified top and high priorities for a 2014-2016 policy agenda.

### 2029 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 a sustainable city plan for the community’s future and facilitate access to critical human services which result in financially sound 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

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## **POLICY AGENDA 2014 – 2016**

### **Top Priorities: (in alphabetical order)**

- Arts and Culture Master Plan
- Central Iowa Water Association: Direction, Funding
- City Staffing Level: Evaluation, Direction, Funding
- Five Flags Center: Evaluation, Direction
- Inclusive Community: Action Plan
- Police: Review Best Practices
- Street Improvement Program: Funding

### **High Priorities: (in alphabetical order)**

- Annexation: Direction on Specific Actions
- Emerald Ash Borer: Policy, Program, and Funding
- Housing Code and Inspections: Review, Update/Upgrade
- Indoor Aquatic Center
- Port of Dubuque Park: Development
- Skate Park
- Workforce Market-Rate Housing

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