

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

Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on February 10, 2015 in the Historic Federal Building.

Present: Mayor Buol, Council Members Braig, Connors, Jones, Lynch, Resnick, Sutton; City Manager Michael Van Milligen

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of discussing various City departmental Fiscal Year 2016 budgets.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon motion the rules were suspended allowing anyone present to address the City Council.

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2015 (Program Year 2014) Annual Action Plan: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 39-15 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2016 (Program Year 2015) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. Seconded by Lynch. Community Development Specialist Erica Haugen provided a slide presentation on the purpose, duties and budget of the Community Development Block Grant program. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Input: Michelle Chillook and Lynn Chillook, 430 Clarke Street, provided a testimonial of their success with the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Home Owner Workshop and Voucher Program.

Upon motion the rules were reinstated limiting discussion to the City Council.

**FISCAL YEAR 2016 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW**

Fiscal Year 2016 City departmental budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:

Housing & Community Development Department: Housing and Community Development Director Alvin Nash. Responding to questions from the City Council, City Manager Van Milligen explained that increased fees would allow the inspection program to become self-sustaining instead of drawing from the City's General Fund and addressed the impact of imminent State property tax reforms on rental properties.

Public Input: Jerry Maro, 10366 Timothy Street, and President of the Dubuque Landlords Association; Joe Callahan, Callahan Construction, 7629 Commerce Park; Eric Schulz, 1045 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Rosean Wilson, 1570 Seippel Road; and Aiman Al-Qady 605 Bluff Street, all spoke in opposition to the recommended housing inspection fee increases and the amount of the increase and offered suggestions. Charles Harris,

2573 Jackson Street, suggested making the fee adjustments follow the fiscal year rather than a calendar year so they fall within the budget process. Mr. Callahan provided a handout of his calculated current and proposed fees.

Parking Division: Parking System Supervisor Tim Horsfield

Transit Division: Operations Supervisor Jodi Johnson: Council Member Braig voiced her opposition to the number of part-time bus drivers.

Public Input: Michael Miyamoto, 1902 Spyglass Drive, spoke in favor of the Nightrider route expressing how helpful it is to college students. Greg Orwoll, 2635 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Executive Director of DuRide, provided a handout of DuRide's finances and requested that the City Council reconsider the recommended reduction in funds for DuRide.

Economic Development Department: Economic Development Director Maurice Jones.

Public Input: Marina O'Rourke, 2085 Mullen Road; Sue Riedel, 282 Kelly's Bluff; and Gina Siegert, 408 Southern Avenue, expressed their concerns about the effect the recommended reduced funding would have on the community's arts organizations, tourism, and education and requested full funding. Mayor Buol stated that this issue is similar to that of the Library and stated that the Council would attempt to find funding solutions.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC  
City Clerk