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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Residents Invited to ‘Come to the Table’ on City Budget**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque residents and stakeholders are invited to “come to the table” as City of Dubuque staff prepare the City’s budget for fiscal year (FY) 2017, which runs July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

The public is invited to attend a public input meeting from 6 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the Multicultural Family Center at 1157 Central Ave. City staff will provide general information on the budget process at this meeting and then residents and stakeholders will be asked to share their thoughts on what they would like to see funded in their neighborhoods and the community at-large.

Those unable to attend the meeting are invited to provide feedback by completing a brief questionnaire by Nov. 22, 2015. Paper copies of the questionnaire are available at city budget kiosks at: City Hall at 50 W. 13th St., the first-floor lobby of the Historic Federal Building at 350 W. Sixth St., Carnegie-Stout Public Library at 360 W. 11th St., Multicultural Family Center at 1157 Central Ave., and the Leisure Services Department at 2200 Bunker Hill Rd. Additional kiosks are distributed throughout the community. The questionnaire is also available for online submission at [www.cityofdubuque.org/budget](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/budget).

Input collected through this fall’s community engagement efforts for the budget will be reviewed by staff and will assist in the development of a recommended FY2017 budget to be submitted to the City Council in January 2016. A report will be made available to all who provided input showing how the input received was used. The City Council will then consider the recommended budget and the public will have additional opportunities to offer input during seven public meetings in February and early March. A final budget must be adopted by March 15. The City’s operating budget (day-to-day costs of providing city services) is around \$120 million and the capital budget, which includes major projects and improvements, is approximately \$80 million.

For additional information on the City’s budget process, visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/budget](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/budget) or call 563-589-4110.

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