

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

Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on February 18, 2016 in the Historic Federal Building.

Present: Mayor Buol, Council Members Connors, Del Toro, Jones, Lynch, Resnick, Rios; 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 2017 budgets.

**FISCAL YEAR 2017 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW**

Fiscal Year 2017 City departmental budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:

Purchase of Services: There was no staff presentation or public input.

Leisure Services: Marie Ware, Leisure Services Manager presented a video on the department and introduced staff who presented on their respective divisions.

Park Division: Steve Fehasal, Park Division Manager

Multicultural Family Center: Sarah Peterson, Acting Director; the new MFC Director Farris Muhammad was introduced.

Americorps/VISTA: Mary Bridget Corken-Deutsch, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator

Recreation Division: Dan Kroger, Recreation Division Manager

Five Flags Civic Center: Marie Ware, Leisure Services Manager. H.R. Cook, the Center's new general manager for SMG was introduced and spoke in support of the Center's viability and economic impact.

Grand River Center (Conference Center): Marie Ware, Leisure Services Manager.

The City Council had discussion with the representatives of each department following their respective presentations.

Following the Park and Recreation Division's presentations, Park and Recreation Commission Kate Larson spoke in support of staff and addressed decreased staffing and increased work levels of today compared to previous decades. Rob McDonald spoke in support of the Port of Dubuque Marina but questioned its amenities' economic sustainability.

Following the Five Flags Civic Center presentation, Holiday Inn General Manager Norm Granback, Five Flags Civic Center Commission Members McKenzie Hill and Bryce Parks, and Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Mark Wahlert spoke in support of the Center's viability and economic impact.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC  
City Clerk