The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on February 24, 2016 in the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street.

Present: Mayor Buol; Council Members Connors, Del Toro, Jones, Lynch, Resnick, Rios; City Manager Van Milligen

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting such business that may properly come before the City Council and to discuss various Fiscal Year 2017 departmental budgets.

CONSENT ITEM

1. Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project Amendment to Programmatic Agreement: City Manager recommending authorization for the City Manager to sign an amendment to the Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the City of Dubuque in order for the City to proceed with the removal of the duplex at 321-323 E. 22nd Street to make way for the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project. Motion by Connors to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 52-16 Authorizing the execution of an Amendment to the Programmatic Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the construction of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project. Seconded by Lynch. Motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. Setting Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 City Budget as Amended: City Manager recommending that a public hearing be set for March 14, 2016, on the Fiscal Year 2017 City budget, operating and Capital Improvement Program, for the City of Dubuque. Motion by Connors to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 53-16 Setting the date for the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Budget as amended for the City of Dubuque; and Resolution No. 54-16 Setting the date for the public hearing on the Recommended Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2021 for the City of Dubuque that set the public hearing for March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Historic Federal Building. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried 7-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2017 City departmental budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:
Water Department FY 2017 Budget Presentation: Bob Green, Water Plant Manager and Jackie Johnson, Water Plant Manager

Water & Resource Recovery Center FY 2017 Budget Presentation: Jonathan Brown, W&RRC Manager. Interim W&RRC Manager Willie O’Brien was introduced.

Public Works Department 2017 Budget Presentation: Don Vogt, Public Works Director; John Klostermann, Street and Sewer Maintenance Supervisor; Anderson Sainci, Resource Management Coordinator

Engineering Department FY 2017 Budget Presentation: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer; Denise Ihrig, Environmental Engineer; Deron Muehring, Stormwater Engineer; Jon Dienst, Civil Engineer (Roadways); Bob Scheisl, Assistant City Engineer; Dave Ness, Civil Engineer (Traffic).

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

Following the Public Works presentation, Paul Schultz addressed the City Council regarding his views on tracking/reviewing actionable data, adequately informing customers about recycling and developing a resource management plan; not continuing to expand large-wheeled recycling carts in FY17 or for larger-waste households; year-round collection options for Food Scrap Program participants; and questioned increased landfill diversion when recycling is declining with a lack of public education.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

/s/ Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk

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