

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017 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 for discussing various Fiscal Year 2018 city departmental budgets.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Lynch to receive and file the documents, adopt the resolutions, and dispose of as indicated. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Marquette Hall, LLC Third Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement: City Manager recommending approval of a Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Dubuque and Marquette Hall, LLC that addresses an award of tax credits by the Iowa Finance Authority to Marquette Hall, LLC. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 78-17 Approving the Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Dubuque, Iowa and Marquette Hall, LLC was adopted.

ITEMS SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Lynch to receive and file the documents, adopt the resolutions, set the public hearings as indicated, and direct the City Clerk to publish notice as prescribed by law. Seconded by Connors. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Marquette Hall, LLC Sale of Property: City Manager recommending setting a public hearing for March 6, 2017, on the intent to dispose of interest in real estate pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Dubuque and Marquette Hall, LLC. Upon motion the documents were received and filed and Resolution No. 79-17 Resolution of Intent to dispose of an interest in real estate by Deed to Marquette Hall, LLC pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Dubuque and Marquette Hall, LLC was adopted setting a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:00 p.m. on March 6, 2017 in the Historic Federal Building.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year 2018 City departmental budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:

1. Water Department Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation: Denise Ihrig, Water Department Manager.

2. Water & Resource Recovery Center Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation: William O'Brien, W&RRC Manager.

3. Public Works Department Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation: John Klostermann, Public Works Director; Renee Tyler, Assistant Public Works Director; and Anderson Sanci, Resource Management Coordinator.

4. Engineering Department Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Presentation: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer; Deron Muehring, Civil Engineer II; Jon Dienst, Civil Engineer II; Bob Schiesl, Assistant City Engineer; and Dave Ness, Civil Engineer II.

The City Council had discussion with staff following each presentation.

Following the Water Department presentation, Ms. Ihrig stated that she will explore the low-pressure zone in what Council Member Connors referred to as the Holy Ghost Hill area (Keokuk and Monroe Streets); and the City Manager stated that budget items that the City Council has asked to be held for later discussion will appear in the amended budget recommendation for further discussion and vote at the March 7, 2017 final budget hearing.

Following the Public Works presentation, Paul Schultz, 1008 Victoria Street, addressed the City Council about his support of using compressed natural gas city vehicles, but had concerns about purchasing such vehicles before fully knowing the economics of the fuel, what path the City is following in this area, and the impact of changing federal regulations. Mr. Schultz supported the solid waste consultant budget request and expressed a strong need for funding more public education to expand the food scrap program, achieving zero waste and landfill diversion. David Lyons, Sustainable Innovation Consultant for the Greater Dubuque Development Corp. (GDDC), expanded on several points from a handout he provided regarding GDDC's support of the City's approach to renewable energy and fuel.

Following the Engineering Department presentation, City Engineer Gus Psihoyos stated that the issue of water runoff around Glendale Ct. will be addressed next year; the concept of two-lane roundabouts as they impact bicycle safety will be addressed by the design consultants for the individual projects. Assistant Engineer Bob Schiesl stated that a State of Good Repair for the NW Arterial is governed by provisions outlined in the SW Arterial Transfer of Jurisdiction with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk