

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on March 9, 2023, in the second-floor Council Chambers of the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street.

Present: Mayor Cavanagh; Council Members Farber, Jones, Resnick, Roussell, Sprank, Wethal; City Manager Van Milligen.

Mayor Cavanagh read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of setting the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024 City Budget and conducting public hearings on certain Fiscal Year 2024 Department Budgets.

ITEMS SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. Set Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024 City Budget: Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and adopt Resolution No. 65-23 Setting the date for the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the City of Dubuque; and Resolution No. 66-23 Setting the date for the public hearing on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028 for the City of Dubuque. Seconded by Roussell. Motion carried 7-0.

Adoption of the resolutions sets a public hearing for a meeting to commence at 6:30 p.m. on March 23, 2023, in the Historic Federal Building.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

Fiscal Year 2024 City department budgets were presented by staff from the following departments:

1. Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Presentation: Tom Berger, Emergency Management Director.

2. Emergency Communications Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Presentation: Mark Murphy, Emergency Communications Manager.

3. Police Department Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Presentation: Jeremy Jensen, Police Chief.

4. Fire Department Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Presentation: Amy Scheller, Fire Chief.

Staff responded to questions from the City Council following their respective presentation.

Following City Council discussion on the Police Department's Improvement Package No. 2 on an automated license plate reader system, Mayor Cavanagh encouraged residents to provide input on the recommendation prior to the March 23, 2023, final hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Mayor Cavanagh also stated that input would be welcomed on the city's camera policy, which the City Council would discuss amending after the March 23, 2023, final hearing.

Council Member Wethal recommended the City Council approve Improvement Package No. 2 for one additional full-time firefighter and made suggestions of how to fund the position from both one-time and ongoing funding sources. City Manager Van Milligen advised that the City Council avoid using one-time funding sources to fund recurring expenses. City Manager Van

Milligen also stated his reason for not recommending the position, stating that the position will be dependent on what the City Council decides regarding future fire stations. Mayor Cavanagh suggested an agenda item at the next budget hearing for City Council to discuss any proposed changes to the budget. City Council Members also discussed that the March 23, 2023, final hearing to adopt the budget provides the opportunity for budget amendments. Per a suggestion from the City Council, Mayor Cavanagh stated that he would discuss the budget amendment process with City Attorney Brumwell and City Manager Van Milligen to determine the recommended approach for budget amendments. Mayor Cavanagh stated his intent to share the recommended approach at the March 21, 2023, budget hearing. City Council Members also agreed to a governance session in the future to discuss a recommended process for altering the budget.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Jones to convene in closed session at 10:06 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation – Chapter 21.5(1)(c) Code of Iowa. Seconded by Sprank. Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that the attorney who will consult with City Council on the issues to be discussed in the closed session is City Attorney Brumwell. Motion carried 7-0.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 11:13 p.m. stating that staff had been given proper direction.

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

/s/Adrienne N. Breitfelder, CMC
City Clerk