CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL SESSION

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on December 8, 2025, 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, City Attorney Brumwell.

Mayor Cavanagh read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting a work session on Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Draft.

WORK SESSION
Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Draft

Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Kalcevich, along with Marissa Pellegrini and Sean Wozny the team from Kimley-Horn, provided details and data about how this process has evolved and the critical findings documented in the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Draft. The plan outlines a long-term vision for Dubuque's Parks and Recreation system, focusing on equitable access, sustainability, and community well-being. It incorporates feedback from over 35,000 community inputs to identify top priorities like aquatic facilities, trails, and inclusive programming. Key recommendations include reclassifying Eagle Point Park, expanding trail connectivity, and improving natural resource stewardship. Staffing and maintenance needs are emphasized due to system growth outpacing current resources. The next steps include a public comment period, board reviews, and City Council adoption. City Council Members commended the plan and encouraged all residents to continue sharing their input. Council recognized the increased polarization of the State and Federal Government bodies and how this will make budgeting for some of the amenities challenging and suggested looking into the need for alternative funding sources.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

/s/Trish Gleason, MMC
Assistant City Clerk