

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

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026, in Room 4 of the Grand River Center, 500 Bell St.

Present: Mayor Cavanagh; Council Members Leyendecker, Resnick, Roussell, Sprank, Staver, Wethal; City Manager Van Milligen, Assistant City Attorney Lehman.

Mayor Cavanagh read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting annual goal setting.

**SPECIAL SESSION
Annual Goal Setting - Session 3 of 3**

The session was led by Lyle Sumek of Lyle Sumek Associates, Inc. City Council Members reviewed the actions, management in progress, and major projects for each of their seven goals in the *Action Agenda* of their *Leader's Guide 2026*. Throughout the discussion, Van Milligen, Lehman, and Assistant City Manager Cori Burbach addressed relevant questions from the Council. The meeting was informally paused for dinner at 5:20 p.m. and resumed at 5:48 p.m. Additionally, a short break was taken at 7:01 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m. City Council then voted on their top and high priorities, as follows:

Top Priorities (in alphabetical order):

- Comprehensive Fire Stations Location Study
- Dubuque Law Enforcement Center (DLEC) Short-Term Facility Enhancements (including Police/Fire Administration Facilities Study)
- Fire Department Staff Increases
- Police Department Full Staffing and Hiring
- Stormwater Management Investments Implementation: Direction, Funding and Project Completion
 - a. 17th/Locust St. Stormwater Phase 2
 - b. Kaufmann Ave. Storm Sewer
 - c. Stormwater Detention Pond Maintenance
 - d. Individual Neighborhood Situations

High Priorities (in alphabetical order):

- Asphalt Street Maintenance/Rehabilitation Program: Direction and Funding (10 Miles)
- Central Avenue Revitalization Plan Development: Construction and Traffic, Business Development, and Housing Creation
- City Strategy Supporting Community Efforts to Address Unhoused Individuals: Partnerships, Learn About Partner Mission/Actions
- Comprehensive Sports Tourism Partnership Projects
 - a. Indoor/Outdoor Sports Complex
 - b. Indoor Sports Facilities
 - c. Second Ice Sheet
 - d. Field of Dreams
 - e. Competition Pool
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Projects:
 - a. Eagle Point Park: Continued Upgrades and Implementation of Increased Staffing
 - b. Aquatics Study

- c. Second Ice Sheet
- d. Indoor/Outdoor Sports Complex

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cavanagh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

/s/Adrienne N. Breitfelder, CMC
City Clerk