

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 21, 2024

On Monday, October 21, 2024, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Lisa Gregory. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a motion to allow Councilman Kuhle to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a).

Councilwoman Gregory moved to allow Councilman Kuhle to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a), seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Verlyn Rosenberger, Louis Kappler, Margaret Evans, Daniel Ray Pickrel and Ayn Owens.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

City Manager Tim Gleason expanded on the grant agreement and funding on composting.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

City Manager Gleason presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, provided an update on the financial monthly report.

Resolution Accepting the Bid Price of B&R Construction for Dock Removal in Nelson Park Harbor, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Ed Culp.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Councilman Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe had concerns regarding the bid.

Director of Public Works, Matt Newell gave a brief statement regarding removal of docks.

R2024-400 Resolution Accepting the Bid Price of B&R Construction for Dock Removal in Nelson Park Harbor. Councilman Culp made a motion to amend the Resolution to award the bid to G&H Marine, Inc., instead of B&R Construction, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland gave a brief statement regarding possible legal issues with the bid process.

Upon call of the roll to amend the Resolution, to award the bid to G&H Marine Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Dennis Cooper voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Culp made a motion to accept the bid from G&H Marine, Inc., seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll to accept the bid for G&H Marine, Inc., Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Dennis Cooper voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-338 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Execution of A Brownfield Environmental Site Assessment Grant Agreement with the US. Environmental Protection Agency for City-wide Assessment Grant was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Director of Community & Economic Development, Cordaryl Patrick gave a brief overview.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager gave an update on a life saving award given to Officer Tory Owens; Public Works Department installed water monitoring sampling stations; Economic & Community Development received an award from the American Planning Association recognizing the Jasper Street Great Streets Neighborhoods Roadmap 2024 Strategic Planning and the first two of five Hybrid buses have been received for Transit.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through I. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn requested to remove Item I. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through H.

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
Item B. 2024-154 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2960 Lakeland Road
Item C. 2024-155 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3060 Lakeland Road
Item D. 2024-156 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2147 South Shores Road
Item E. 2024-157 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2727 Southland Road
Item F. 2024-158 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3404 North Taylor Avenue
Item G. 2024-159 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3086 Turpin Road
Item H. 2024-160 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3104 Turpin Road

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through H, be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-339 Resolution Authorizing An Agreement with JPL Environmental Engineering to Prepare A Grant-Funded Plan for Composting and Food Waste Reduction. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Dennis Cooper, Councilwoman Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Councilman Horn requested consensus from Council to place a Motion to remove the proposed Chapter 51.6 ordinance regarding Gas Use Tax from the table and to place an Ordinance Amending the City Code by adding Chapter 51.6 on the Agenda for the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Councilman McDaniel, Councilman Culp and Councilman Cooper all agreed.

Councilman Horn had concerns with what the next steps will be with the demolition of the YWCA meeting.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief update on the demolition process of the YWCA.

Councilman Kuhle thanked the City Manager for giving updates on the “wins’ that is happening with the city.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Regular Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David, Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved November 4, 2024
Angela Harper
Deputy City Clerk