

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 17, 2018

On Monday, September 17, 2018, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and David Horn were present. Seven members present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

Daniel Ray Pickrel commented that it was nice seeing residents picking up litter in the community.

John Dunn stated that he is in favor of the additional investigation and inquiry in the matter of an application of Arrow Ambulance Service.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara provided the Treasurer's Financial Report. Mr. Zientara responded to Council members' comments and questions.

Councilman Charles Kuhle exited the meeting at 5:45pm and re-entered the meeting at 5:47pm.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated that she was recusing herself from the ambulance item due to St. Mary's Hospital being her employer and Councilman Charles Kuhle stated that he was also recusing himself from the item due to his wife being a former employee of St. Mary's Hospital and a current employee of Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tempore Dana Ray.

R2018-120 Resolution Authorizing Additional Investigation and Inquiry in the Matter of an Application of Arrow Ambulance, LLC, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory commented that Council has been refusing to meet with both sides involved and wanted the public to know that it is a different role than Council is usually faced with. It is in the nature of a judicial role. This will protect both the organization and individual Council members.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and David Horn voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and Councilman Charles Kuhle abstained from the vote. Five ayes and two abstentions. Mayor Pro Tempore Dana Ray declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Dana Ray turned the meeting back over to Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe.

2018-44 Amended Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-Of-Way and in Central Park - Decatur Smokin' BBQ Festival, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-45 Ordinance Rezoning Property From R-6 Multiple Dwelling District to B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District 1048-1070 West Wood Street, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-46 Ordinance Rezoning Property R-6 Multiple Family Dwelling District, O-1 Office District, B-2 Commercial District, PD Planned Development District, M-1 Intense Commercial-Light Industrial District, and M-2 Heavy Industrial District to PD Planned Development District Generally Located in the 200-599 Blocks of East Marietta Street, 700-999 Blocks of North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 544-599 Blocks of East Wabash Avenue, and 700-999 Blocks of North Water Street (Community Care Campus), was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilwoman Dana Ray stated that she was abstaining from the vote due to her being an employee of Crossing Healthcare.

Councilman Pat McDaniel asked staff to consider only allowing parking on one side of the street to help with the flow of traffic and to reduce the number of traffic accidents.

Councilman David Horn asked if there would be enough parking for Northeast Community Fund and Director of Economic and Community Development responded that there would be enough parking.

Mary Cave with Chastain and Associates shared with Council a photograph of the fence that will be installed around the campus that will create a campus like feel and provide security; the fence will be similar to the fence installed around Overlook Adventure Park.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Dana Ray abstained from the vote. Six ayes, one abstention. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-47 Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Section II. Definitions, Section XII.B-2 Commercial District, Section XIV. B-4 Central Business District, Section XVI. M-1 Intense Commercial-Light Industrial District (Truck Stop Establishments), was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber exited the meeting at 6:12pm.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Bill Faber re-entered the meeting at 6:15pm.

R2018-121 Resolution Accepting the Bid Price of Ray O'Herron Company, Inc. for the Parts and Installation to Upfit Six (6) 2019 Ford Police Interceptors, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber commented that he will not be voting on any non-essential expenditures because of the delicate budget therefore he will be voting against the six Ford police interceptors.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Six ayes, one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2018-122 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Collective Bargaining Agreement Pay and Benefits for Decatur Police Benevolent and Protective Association Labor Committee, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber commented that there is no doubt about the hard work of staff, but he believes it is a mistake for the council to accept the contract absent of the residency requirement and believes the chances of winning the arbitration on residency is very slim.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Six ayes, one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-48 Amended Ordinance Vacating Public Rights-of-Way in the 400-599 Blocks of East Central Avenue and the 900-999 Blocks of North Warren Street Rights-of-Way and to Vacate the Alley Rights-of-Way Located Between the 200-599 Blocks of East Wabash Avenue and East Central Avenue, Between the 400 Blocks of East Central Avenue and East King Street, Between the 200 Blocks of East Central Avenue and East King Street, Between the 800 Blocks of North Warren Street and North Water Street, Between the 900 Blocks of North Warren Street and North Water Street, and Between the 200-599 Blocks of East King Street and East Marietta Street, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilwoman Dana Ray stated that she was abstaining from the vote due to her being an employee of Crossing Healthcare.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Dana Ray abstained from the vote. Six ayes, one abstention. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through E and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council did not request to have any items removed. The Clerk read Items A through E:

Item A. 2018-49 Ordinance Annexing Territory-903 North Country Club Road

Item B. R2018-123 Resolution Authorizing a Water Service Agreement for 3708 West Ravina Park Road

Item C. R2018-124 Resolution Authorizing a Water Service Agreement for 4975 South Franklin Street Road

Item D. 2018-50 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue - Lock Stock & Barrel Millikin Homecoming Party - October 5, 2018

Item E. R2018-125 Change in Title of the ICMA-RC Plan Coordinator, Resolution Authorizing Signatory Authority International City Management Association-Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) – Appointment of Plan Coordinator

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A through E be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory reported that the working group between the City of Decatur, Decatur School District and Decatur Park District met the previous week to look for ways to have quick wins which include joint purchasing in the following areas: equipment, technology, facility improvements, parking lot improvements and demolitions. One of the objectives that they would like to see is the ability to increase equalized assessed valuation. The group developed a draft mission statement.

Councilman David Horn commented that there might have been a better approach that the city could have taken informing downtown merchants of sidewalk regulations and feels that the city should review Chapter 41 and changes to Chapter 41 should not restrict speech based on content. Councilman David Horn would like to see the city move forward on demolitions as proposed in the status update a couple of months ago.

Councilman Bill Faber inquired about the timing of the staff report and wanted to know if there would be discussions regarding the budget at the next Council meeting.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus responded that he will let Council know the status of the staffing report and whether the budget will be discussed at the next Council meeting in the coming days.

Councilman Charles Kuhle wanted to know if there was a timeframe for coming to a resolution with the downtown merchants regarding the signs and feels that the signs are part of downtown; he would like a quick resolution.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus responded that he will inform Council and downtown merchants in advance of what is being proposed and when the item will be brought in front of Council.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session under Section 2. Open Meetings Act (c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Councilman Pat McDaniel motioned to Recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Approved October 1, 2018
Kim Althoff
City Clerk