

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 17, 2020

On Monday, August 17, 2020, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Rodney Walker. Councilman Bill Faber participated through electronic attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe that an in-person meeting of all members of the City Council is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Councilwoman Gregory entered the Theater at 5:31pm.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Jim Spaniol, Randy Phipps, Cameron Williams, Andrew Weatherford and Karl Coleman.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the August 3, 2020 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

2020-125 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 48, Section 9 - Natural Areas and Native Prairie Landscape Areas, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved to remove the motion from the table; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Jim Spaniol, member of the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee discussed the process in which the Ordinance was developed.

Council held a discussion on the proposed Ordinance and City Manager Wrighton noted that a sunset clause was added, and the proposed Ordinance will be repealed on December 31, 2021 unless Council intervenes prior to this date to extend it.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and David Horn voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

City Manager Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report and answered questions from Council.

R2020-106 Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and the City of Decatur for Phase 2 Revitalization of the Johns Hill Neighborhood, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council regarding the agreement.

Council expressed their gratitude towards the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for the commitment of an additional \$8 million toward the infrastructure phase of the project.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-107 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. for Johns Hill Neighborhood Water Service Replacement Project, City Project 2020-04, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-108 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of Vacant Commercial Dwelling at 1200 East Cantrell, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-126 Ordinance Rezoning Property from B-2 Commercial District to PMR-1 Park Mobile Home Residence District - 3925 Tiffany Terrace, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-109 A Resolution of the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the City and the Town of Normal, Mclean County, Illinois ("Normal"), and Authorizing Normal to Exercise the Powers of the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois in Connection with an MCC Program and a Loan Finance Program, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Greg Crowe, Planning and Development Manager, explained how the Assist Homeownership Program works.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor 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. Councilman Faber wished to remove Item E. from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through D.

Item A. 2020-127 Ordinance Annexing Territory 1909 West Ash Avenue

Item B. 2020-128 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2390 Carriage Lane

Item C. R2020-110 Resolution Approving Reappointment - Human Relations Commission

Item D. R2020-111 Resolution Approving Reappointments - Civil Service Commission

Councilman McDaniel moved Items A. through D. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-112 Resolution Approving and Determining the Need for Confidentiality of Minutes of Closed Minutes, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Councilman Faber recommended that the City Clerk should keep the verbatim records of Closed Meetings longer than eighteen months as outlined in the Open Meetings Act.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker 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.

Council thanked the City of Bloomington for the loan of their ladder truck while the Fire Department's ladder truck is being repaired.

Councilman Horn inquired as to the number of phone calls received in regard to the enforcement of the COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Councilman Faber reported on the number of distracted driving violations compared to the number of DUI's.

Mayor Moore Wolfe addressed the recent shootings in Decatur.

Councilman Kuhle voiced his support of the Police Department.

Councilman Walker recommended holding a Study Session on gun violence in Decatur.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment.

Councilman McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved September 8, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk