

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 15, 2020

On Monday, June 15, 2020 the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a 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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, and Lisa Gregory participating through electronic attendance pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 suspending the requirements of the Open Meetings Act requiring in-person attendance by members of a public body for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizen provided comments to the Council: Patricia Gilliam.

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

The minutes of the Special City Council meetings on May 11th, 2020 and May 26th, 2020 and Regular City Council meeting on May 18th, 2020 were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

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

R2020-85 Resolution Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Workplace Discrimination Harassment, Violence and Retaliation for the City of Decatur, Illinois, 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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-95 Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-5 Two-Family Residence District, R-6 Multiple Dwelling District and B-2 Commercial District to SPD Special Planned Development District - West Grove Road to the South, South US Route 51 to the West, West Rotary Way to the North and Red Tail Run Golf Course to the East, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of Ordinances 2020-95 and 2020-96 as they both relate to the same subject.

Planning and Development Manager Greg Crowe explained the difference between an SPD, Special Planned Development and PD, Planned Development.

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

2020-96 Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-1 Single Family Residence District and B-2 Commercial District to SPD Special Planned Development District - Southeast of the Intersection of South US Route 51 and West Grove Road, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

R2020-86 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of Vacant Residential Dwellings at 1637 N. Monroe and 1164 N. Union, 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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-87 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

A brief discussion was held regarding the pace at which unsafe structures are being demolished.

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

2020-97 Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance - XXIV.F Residential Driveways, 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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-98 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52-Alcoholic Liquor, Section 4-License Classifications, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

A brief discussion was held regarding the types of establishments that are located in a B-1 District.

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

R2020-88 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Purchase Property located at 530 N. Water St., Decatur, IL, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

A brief discussion was held regarding whether the property would be put into a land bank and incorporating the property into a new TIF District.

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

R2020-89 Resolution Authorizing Agreement-Fairview Park Plaza, LLC. - City of Decatur, Illinois, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

A brief discussion was held regarding environmental issues on the property.

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

2020-99 Ordinance Prohibiting the use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by any other method within a certain area in the City of Decatur - (151 W. Main St. & 142 W. Wood St.), was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of Ordinance 2020-99 and Resolution 2020-90 as they relate to the same subject.

Mr. Tim Raycraft, Representative for MDA Properties, explained that MDA Properties is working with the IEPA on remediation efforts.

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

R2020-90 Resolution Authorizing Fourth Amendment to Agreement between the City of Decatur and MDA Properties, LLC, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory 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. and B. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Councilman Horn wished to remove Item A. from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read item B.:

Item B. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions. Councilman McDaniel moved Item B. do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

Item A. 2020-100 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way between 100 Block West Main Street and West Wood Street - Lock Stock & Barrel/Oakwood Business Association, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

A brief discussion was held regarding large events and temporary street closures in light of COVID-19.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe commended both the Fire Department and Police Department for their efforts in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd.

City Manager Wrighton announced the addition of a Special City Council meeting on July 13, 2020.

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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved July 6, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk