

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 2020

On Monday, May 11, 2020 the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Special City Council 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 Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Pat McDaniel 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 Rodney Walker 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.

The following individual provided comments to the Council: Tod Cox, President of the Decatur Fire Fighters Local 505.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Study Session for the purpose of discussing financial implications and budget planning due to COVID-19.

City Manager Wrighton presented a PowerPoint presentation and discussed three levels of budget revision scenarios. City Manager Wrighton recommended that the city proceed first with Level #1 strategies before enacting more severe measures. Level #1 navigates the crisis using spending reductions, transfers and other strategies to adjust the budget, but without the need for involuntary staff cuts.

Council held a discussion on the nine components that make up Level #1 strategies and discussed the General Fund revenue projection.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of Level #2 strategies and recommended that the City Council convene another financial planning study session in July when more Decatur-specific data is available.

A consensus of the Council indicated that they were comfortable with proceeding with Level #1 strategies.

In closing remarks, Mayor Moore Wolfe announced that the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce is in the process of developing a task force that will bring businesses together to discuss how to re-open Decatur based on Governor Pritzker's "Restore Illinois" plan.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilman McDaniel moved the Special City 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 and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Special City Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved June 15, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk