

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 6, 2019

On Monday, May 6, 2019, 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.

Julie Moore Wolfe was sworn in to the office of City Mayor.

Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory and Bill Faber were sworn in to the office of City Councilman.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Rodney Walker. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a motion to accept revisions to the order of the council agenda. Councilman David Horn made a motion to accept the revisions to the order of the council agenda, seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Manager Scot Wrighton requested two revisions to the order of the Council agenda. The first revision is adding “Informational Items for Discussion” as an agenda category and the second revision is moving Item E. on the Consent Agenda, Ordinance Approving Appointment – Mayor Pro Tem to New Business.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

Jim Taylor feels that the city should enforce residents blowing grass clippings into the street because it is a hazard for motorcyclists.

Albert Amos would like for the council to come up with ideas to control youth violence.

Gretchen Amos inquired about free activities for youth to keep them out of trouble in the summers.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the April 15, 2019 City Council meeting 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 Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Chuck Kuhle abstained from the vote. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

R2019-65 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order with Cummins Crosspoint for the Purchase and Installation of a Remanufactured Engine for a City of Decatur Public Bus Engine in an Amount not to Exceed \$22,917.00, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Mass Transit Director John Williams explained that Mass Transit operations and capital projects are paid for through 5307 funds and the Downstate Operating Assistance Program.

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

R2019-66 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order with Cummins Crosspoint for the Rebuilding of a City of Decatur Public Bus Engine in an Amount not to Exceed \$29,465.00, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2019-67 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement to Purchase On-Board Video Surveillance System for Transit Fleet of Vehicles Between the City of Decatur, IL and IVS, Inc. DBA Angeltrax in an Amount Not to Exceed \$129,801.76, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained that the City will have to comply with the Local Records Act on how long videos will need to be retained.

Ms. Gretchen Amos spoke in support of the On-Board Video Surveillance System.

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

R2019-68 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and Operating Administration of the United States Department of

Transportation for Federal Transportation Assistance Authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code or Other Federal Statutes Administered by the Federal Transit Administration, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2019-69 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sharing of Certain Costs Related to the Pavement Striping of Roadways in Macon County, IL, between the City of Decatur and the County of Macon, Illinois, City Project 2019-03, was presented.

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

Motion to Approve the Proposed 2019 Local Motor Fuel Tax Street Project Street List and Other Expenditures, City Project 2019-25, was presented.

Councilman Horn reported that over the last six years, the overall condition of the streets has declined from a score of 82 to 78 with 41% of the streets rated fair or worse. Councilman Horn wanted to make citizens aware that there is a 65% decline in Local Motor Fuel Tax revenue this year.

Councilwoman Gregory voiced reservations using Local Motor Fuel Tax revenue to purchase the pothole patching machine. When the Local Motor Fuel tax was implemented in 2015, she was careful to help craft the ordinance in a way to restrict how Motor Fuel Tax dollars could be spent and hopes this is not a foot in the door to purchase miscellaneous equipment.

Councilman McDaniel voiced that he is not in favor of Council making decisions on which streets need to be repaired; he prefers that city staff should make those decisions.

Councilman Faber reported that several citizens have said they would like to give their input on the road selection, and he agrees with them. Councilman Faber stated that he is against purchasing the pothole patching machine.

Public Works Director Matt Newell reported that some of the streets on the alternative street list may be fixed if bids should come in low enough on the first round of streets.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a motion to approve the proposed 2019 Local Motor Fuel Tax Street Project List and Other Expenditures. Councilman Pat McDaniel made a motion to accept the recommendation of staff, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

Councilwoman Gregory voted yes but with the caveat that she will always not be a yes vote if the city continues to make purchases for equipment using LMFT dollars.

R2019-70 Resolution Authorizing Funds for Neighborhood Safety, Cleanup and Activities, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilwoman Gregory recognized the partners involved with the city-wide cleanup, R & R Services and Advanced Disposal.

Neighborhood Services Manager Richelle Irons reported that four clean-ups are scheduled for 2019. Additional funds will need to be allocated for extra clean-ups.

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

2019-21 Ordinance Approving Appointment - Mayor Pro Tempore, was presented. Councilman Chuck Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Mayor Moore Wolfe stated that Councilman McDaniel is an outstanding representative for the Council.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Informational Items for Discussion: Professional Services Agreement with GovHR for Council Retreat Facilitator and Recruitment Assistance.

Councilman Faber voiced that he is not in favor of the council retreat and that he would rather spend the money on potholes or some quality of life issue.

Councilman Horn stated that he is in favor of a strategic planning process for the City Council.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through L 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 L with the exception of Item E which was moved to New Business.

- Item A. R2019-71 Resolution Approving Reappointments – Plan Commission
- Item B. R2019-72 Resolution Approving Appointment – Plan Commission
- Item C. 2019-22 Ordinance Approving Appointment – City Clerk
- Item D. 2019-23 Ordinance Approving Appointment – City Treasurer
- Item F. 2019-24 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-Of-Way and In Central Park
- Item G. R2019-73 Resolution Amending the Real Estate Contract for Property Located in the 200-300 Blocks of East Orchard Street, the 200-300 Blocks of East Marietta Street and the 1000 Block of North Warren Street in the Wabash Crossing Redevelopment Area
- Item H. 2019-25 Ordinance Annexing Territory-3343 Tropicana Road
- Item I. 2019-26 Ordinance Annexing Territory-2229 Captain Lane
- Item J. 2019-27 Ordinance Annexing Territory-2383 West Ash Ave
- Item K. 2019-28 Ordinance Annexing Territory-3309 Greenvue Drive
- Item L. 2019-29 Ordinance Annexing Territory-2580 South Forest Crest Road

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A through L (with the exception of E which was moved to New Business) be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

Councilwoman Gregory stated that the Beatify Decatur Coalition will meet on May 18 at Overlook Adventure Park at 10am to reveal their litter critter to bring awareness that litter does not belong in the streets. Councilwoman Gregory reported that the State of Illinois PPRT payment will be a little greater this month. Councilwoman Gregory would like to publicly recognize Police Officer Weddle for giving CPR to a baby who wasn't breathing and Police Officer Rolfs who purchased pizza for neighborhood kids.

Councilman Kuhle thanked Jim Taylor for bringing up motorcycle awareness earlier in the meeting. Councilman Kuhle believes 99% of motorcyclists are safety conscious and pointed out that he is not criticizing motorcyclists, but their safety is a two-way street and "ride responsibly" should be added to the yellow signs that read "watch out for motorcycles."

With no other business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Approved May 20, 2019
Kim Althoff
City Clerk