

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2024

On Monday, April 15, 2024, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in 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 Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Dennis Cooper. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a motion to allow Councilman Kuhle to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a).

Councilman McDaniel moved to allow Councilman Kuhle to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a), seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced that the Resolution Authorizing an Agreement to Transfer Property to the Staley Museum was pulled from the City Council agenda.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Tom Sheets, Vicki Sheets, Lawrence Barbee, Ken Smith, Richard Webb, Jeff Broderick, Cindy Shull, Semaj Allen, Kathy Grace, Zelda Tindell and Abeer Motan.

City Manager Wrighton responded to citizens' comments regarding annexations.

The minutes of the April 1, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 1803 W. Sunset Ave., Lot South of 2081 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2069 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2021 W. Sunset,

Lot South of 1945 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1937 Sunset, Lot South of 1929 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1915 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1901 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2011 Sunset, Lot South of 2095 Sunset, Lot South of 700 S. Westlawn, Lot South of 1909 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1893 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1873 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1853 Sunset, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved to take the item from the table, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

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

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council members concerning the pros and cons of annexations.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council concerning the annexations: Semaj Allen, Ken Smith and Zelda Tindell.

Council members continued their discussion concerning the annexation policy and certain lots being in a floodplain.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Ed Culp voted aye. Council members Lisa Gregory, Chuck Kuhle, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

City Manager Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, provided additional comments concerning the Treasurer's Financial Report.

2024-52 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Budget Reconciliation Ordinance of the City of Decatur, Illinois and Closing Fund 99, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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

2024-53 An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to Exceed \$36,800,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, to Refund Certain Outstanding Bonds and to Finance Water System Infrastructure Improvements, Authorizing the Sale of said Bonds to the Purchaser thereof, Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on said Bonds, and Further Providing for the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection with Such Issuance, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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

R2024-102 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Ezell Excavating Inc. for the Demolition of 1222 E. Grand (former Durfee School) and 1500 E. Condit (former Copenbarger School), was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding the funding source for the demolition of the schools.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, answered questions from Council members concerning measures taken to secure the schools and funding for demolitions.

Council members continued their discussion concerning the funding source.

Councilwoman Gregory moved to amend the motion by adding that the available ARPA CARES dollars will be used to take the buildings down.

Council members discussed the motion.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman David Horn voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Upon call of the roll on the motion, as amended, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2024-54 Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-1 Single Family Residence District to R-3 Single Family Residence District - 4210 East Lakewood Avenue, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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

2024-55 Ordinance Amending Conditional Use Permit - 3840 North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, was presented, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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

R2024-103 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Construction Contract with Henson Robinson Company, Inc. for the Chemical Feed Upgrades and Bulk Water Upgrades, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-104 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly to Provide Engineering Services for the Chemical Feed Upgrades and Bulk Water Upgrades, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-105 Resolution Accepting the Bid Price of G&H Marine, Inc. for Lake Services Dock System, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Keith Alexander, Water Production Manager, answered questions from Council members regarding the proposed Lake Services dock.

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

R2024-106 Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with G & H Services, LLC-1 for Nelson Park Marina Fuel System, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-107 Resolution Authorizing Approval to Renew Annual License and Support Agreement from Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the MUNIS Enterprise Financial Software Suite, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through P. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A through P.:

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Board and Commissions
R2024-108 Item B. Resolution Approving Appointment - Construction and Housing Board of Appeals
2024-56 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2980 Lakeland Road
2024-57 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2167 South Shores Drive
Item E. R2024-109 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with American Farmland Trust, for Services with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
R2024-110 Item F. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with EcoMetrics, LLC for Services with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
R2024-111 Item G. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Ecosystem Services Exchange, for Services with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
R2024-112 Item H. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with FarmRaise, for Services, with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
R2024-113 Item I. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with ManPlan Inc., for Services, with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
R2024-114 Item J. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Pinion LLC., for Services, with the Regional Conservation Partnership Program
R2024-115 Item K. Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Protection Program Agreement for West Waterway Improvements with Lynn Clarkson
R2024-116 Item L. Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Protection Program Agreement for East Waterway Improvements with Lynn Clarkson
R2024-117 Item M. Resolution Accepting Heartland Controls Quotation for the Purchase of a Full Profile Insertion Meter
R2024-118 Item N. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Swicks Lawncare for 2024 Weed Abatement
2024-58 Item O. An Ordinance Reserving 2024 Volume Cap for Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters

R2024-119 Item P. Resolution Authorizing License P-11718 for Underground Pipelines, Cables and Conduit for a Water Main with the Illinois Central Railroad on Faries Parkway at Brush College Road

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through P. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. under Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Councilwoman Gregory moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Councilman Culp moved the regular City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman McDaniel and upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved May 6, 2024
Kim Althoff
City Clerk