

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 21, 2022

On Monday, March 21, 2022, 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.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Lisa Gregory. Council members Chuck Kuhle and Bill Faber were 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 citizens provided comments to the Council: Alan Duesterhaus, Evelyn Hood and Abeer Motan.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the March 7, 2022, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, 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.

R2022-46 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Intergovernmental Grant Agreement Between the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the City of Decatur, Illinois, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a discussion on a draft Food Truck Ordinance.

Council members held a discussion on the draft Food Truck Ordinance and the consensus of Council members were in favor of allowing food trucks to be regulated in the Central Business District in the same manner as they are elsewhere in the city.

R2022-47 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Decatur and African American Cultural & Genealogical Society of Illinois, Inc. Museum regarding American Rescue Plan Funds, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-48 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Lease Agreement between the Decatur Park District, G & H Marine, Inc., and the City of Decatur, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Council members held a discussion concerning the proposed docks and City Manager Wrighton answered questions from Council members regarding displaced boat owners.

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

R2022-49 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the State of Illinois for Traffic Signal Modernization of William Street at its Intersection with Country Club Road (FAU 7452) by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code City, City Project 2021-04, Section No. 21-00104-00-TL, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Horn.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2022-50 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for Preparation of the Decatur Intermodal Transportation Master Plan City Project 2014-06, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-51 Resolution to Appropriate State Motor Fuel Tax Funds to Pay the City's Portion for the Traffic Signal Modernization for the Intersections of William Street and Country Club Road by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2021-04, Section No. 21-00104-00-TL, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

R2022-52 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and Associated Sales Order with the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to obtain Internet Access through the City of Decatur Fiber Optic Network, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through F. and asked if any Council wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn wished to remove Items C., D. and E. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A., B., and F.:

Item A. R2022-53 Resolution Receiving and Filing the 2021 Official Zoning Map
Item B. R2022-54 Resolution Approving Appointments - Firemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees
Item F. R2022-55 Resolution Authorizing Signatory Authority International City Management Association – Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) Appointment of Plan Coordinator

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

R2022-56 Resolution Repealing Resolution No. R2021-182 Regarding Approving an Amendment to the Decatur Macon County Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Horn.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning language in the agreement.

Ms. Nicole Bateman, President of the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County was present to answer questions from Council members.

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

R2022-57 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Decatur Macon County Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

2022-09 An Ordinance Amending the Property Tax Abatement Qualifying Criteria for the Decatur Macon County Enterprise Zone - City of Decatur, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, 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 Other Business.

With no other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 6:43 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory 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. Councilwoman Gregory moved the regular meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Culp. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Approved April 4, 2022
Kim Althoff
City Clerk