

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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 Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Chuck Kuhle. Council members Pat McDaniel and Rodney Walker 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 individuals provided comments to the Council: Reed Sutman, Bret Robertson and John Phillips, Jr.

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

The minutes of the December 30th, 2019 Special City Council meeting and January 6, 2020 City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called Ms. Laura Dean to the podium to read a proclamation titled "Human Trafficking".

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

2020-08 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series B Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

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

2020-09 Ordinance Amending the Adopted Appropriation Ordinance of Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses for Certain Funds of the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

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

R2020-06 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 3925 East Logan Street for the Improvement of Brush College Road Over Faries Parkway and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks City Project 2009-33 Section 09-00933-01-BR, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2020-07 Resolution Authorizing Amendment #1 to the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Relocation of Utilities and the Purchase of Right of Way for the Improvement of Brush College Road over Faries Parkway and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks, City Project 2009-33 Section 09-00933-01-BR, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council.

Public Works Director Matt Newell explained that \$400,000 could be used for other MFT projects resulting from the reduction of the city's expected expenditure of State Motor Fuel funds.

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

R2020-08 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with WHKS & Co., to Perform Bridge Design Services for the Center Street / Steven's Creek Bridge (SN 058-3061), City Proejct 2019-04, Section No. 19-00904-00-BR, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2020-09 Resolution to Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Center Street / Steven's Creek Bridge (SN 058-3061) City Project 2019-04 Section No. 19-00904-00-BR, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

R2020-10 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District for Lake Decatur Watershed Conservation Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

2020-11 Ordinance Rezoning Property From M-2 Heavy Industrial District to M-1 Intense Commercial-Light Industrial District 1975 East Pershing Road, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Planning and Development Manager Greg Growe gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

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

2020-12 Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Section XI. B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District Section XII. B-2 Commercial District, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Planning and Development Manager Greg Crowe gave a brief overview of the following three Ordinances involving St. Teresa High School and answered questions from Council regarding uniform zoning.

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

2020-13 Ordinance Rezoning Property From R-3 Single Family Residence District to B-2 Commercial District 2710 North Water Street, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

2020-14 Ordinance Rezoning Property From B-2 Commercial District to R-3 Single Family Residence District 3434 East Wabash Avenue, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Planning & Development Manager Crowe gave a brief overview of the Ordinance and answered question from Council regarding uniform zoning.

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

2020-15 Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Section III. Districts and Boundaries Thereof & Section XIX. PD Planned Development District, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council regarding restrictions in a SPD, Special Planned Development District.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle 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. through I. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. No Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through I.

Item A. 2020-16 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3841 West Center Street
Item B. 2020-17 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2239 Frontier Road
Item C. 2020-18 Ordinance Annexing Territory 4160 McClain Drive
Item D. 2020-19 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2340 South Taylorville Road
Item E. 2020-20 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2240 Thunderbird Drive
Item F. 2020-21 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3130 North Westlawn Avenue
Item G. 2020-22 Ordinance Annexing Territory 4168 North Woodlawn Avenue
H. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
Item I. R2020-11 Resolution Authorizing Consulting Services Agreement - Ann L. Schneider & Associates, LLC

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through I. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Councilman Horn commended city staff on the demolition of 60 properties in 2019.

Councilman Kuhle voiced satisfaction over the Decatur Park District securing jet service at the Decatur Airport.

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced the addition of 14 new buses to the transit system and thanked city staff, Representative Rodney Davis and Senator Andy Manar for their efforts in securing a grant for the buses.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Approved February 3, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk