

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 11, 2021

On Monday, January 11, 2021, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, and Pat McDaniel. Councilman Bill Faber 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 and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: John Phillips, Mirinda Rothrock, Bob Brilley, Steve Christian, Marc Girdler, Kathy Wade, Brandi Binkley, and Sandra Lindberg.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Study Session on a discussion on municipal measures to assist businesses in the midst of a pandemic, allocation of second round of CARES funding to potential eligible recipients and options for opening bars and/or restaurants closed by the Governor's Office.

Council held a discussion on relief measures already in place and other options to assist businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Development Director Cordaryl "Pat" Patrick gave an update on grant opportunities available to assist small businesses and residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council discussed ways to utilize the remaining balance of the CARES funds and discussed strategies to ease the financial burden on local bars and restaurants.

With no other Study Session discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a motion to Recess to the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilman McDaniel moved to Recess to the Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 50 - Licenses, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Sandra Lindberg, Steve Christian, Marc Girdler, Bob Brilley, Kevin Greenfield, John Phillips, Brandi Binkley, and Karl Coleman.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Ordinance.

Council discussed options for re-opening bars and restaurants considering the Tier 3 mitigations.

Councilman McDaniel made a motion to table the item until the January 19th, 2021 City Council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 – Alcoholic Liquor, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Councilman McDaniel made a motion to table the item until the January 19th, 2021 City Council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

With no other New Business, 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, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Special City Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved February 1, 2021
Kim Althoff
City Clerk