

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2023

On Monday, January 9, 2023, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Study Session 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe. 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 a Study Session on “Neighborhood Revitalization and Related Code Enforcement Strategies”.

City Manager Wrighton presented an overview of the Study Session and provided an update on neighborhood revitalization.

Mr. Matt Kries, General Counsel for the Center for Community Progress gave a presentation on code enforcement and its role in neighborhood revitalization and provided recommendations to the Council for how code enforcement can address the negative effects of problem properties on Decatur residents and neighborhoods.

Mr. Cordaryl “Pat” Patrick, Director of Economic and Community Development, spoke about scaling up code enforcement and the creation of a rental registration program.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager discussed the creation of a vacant property registration program, chronic nuisance ordinance and seeking legislative fixes where needed.

City Manager Wrighton spoke about potential changes in trash collection.

Council members held a discussion on trash collection services.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Ayn Owens, Bruce Washburn, Charles Tiner, Justin Phillips, Deangleo Stoner, Greg Washburn, Wayne Dunning and Abeer Motan.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager answered questions from Council members concerning rental inspections.

Council members discussed recommendations provided by staff and the Center for Community Progress.

The consensus of Council members gave the okay for staff to proceed with the suggested code enforcement strategies discussed.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Lavelle Peete, Reymundo Leon, Deangelo Stoner, Ron Thomas, Darrell Holloway, Abeer Motan and Justin Phillips.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Council members responded to citizens' comments regarding food truck fees.

With no other discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Approved February 6, 2023
Kim Althoff
City Clerk