

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

On Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 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 Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Charles Kuhle. Seven members present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens:

Mike Griffin, Marilyn Dawson, Mackey Spurlock, Mike Dawson, Edward Dawson, Pat Donnelly, Kathleen Arnold, Sue Cunningham, and James Taylor spoke in opposition of the proposed Ordinance rezoning property at the corner of Ash Avenue and North Water Street.

Bill Francisco spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance rezoning property at the corner of Ash Avenue and North Water Street.

The minutes of the December 18, 2017, Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

2017-64 Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permit Construction of a Government Building (Fire Station) 330 West Mound Road, was presented. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

City Manager Tim Gleason responded to Council members questions regarding the proposed new fire station. Deputy Chief Pruitt with the Decatur Fire Department shared how fire trucks would leave the proposed new fire station from Greenridge and exit onto Mound Road.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2017-65 Ordinance Rezoning Property R-1 Single Family Residence District, R-2 Single Family Residence District, R-3 Single Family Residence District, R-5 Two-Family Residence District to PD Planned Development District 125 West Ash Avenue, 112, and 130 West Oak Lane, 4173 and 4183 North Water Street, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Council members shared their comments regarding the proposed development.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland stepped out of the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Councilman David Horn asked Andrew Goodman, principal and co-founder of GMX Real Estate Group if there were any plans for any of the tenants to have video gaming and if not would he be opposed to a condition of the development being no video gaming allowed. Mr. Goodman stated they would be fine with that restriction. Councilman David Horn motioned to add as a condition to the development that no video gaming be permitted; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mr. Goodman responded to questions Council members had regarding the proposed development site.

Interim Public Works Director Matt Newell responded to Councilman Bill Faber's question regarding infrastructure at the proposed site.

Economic & Community Development Director Raymond Lai explained what type of development could come in if the proposed development was approved and didn't go through.

Judy Hohlbauch, Bobby Hohlbauch, Karen Cuttill, John Phillips, Pam Ambeau, Leslie Dawson and Sue Cunningham shared their concerns and questions about the proposed development with Council members. City Manager Tim Gleason, Economic & Community Development Director Raymond Lai, Andrew Goodman with GMX Real Estates Group and President Tod Stanton of Design Perspectives responded to citizens questions.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilmen Pat McDaniel and Bill Faber voted nay. Five ayes and two nays. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried for the Ordinance.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved January 16, 2018
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk