

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 30, 2025

On Monday, June 30, 2025, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Ed Culp. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Gleason shared a financial update that covered the gas use tax, property taxes and grocery tax. He also highlighted his efforts for the city to become an employer of choice and mentioned the ongoing compensation study for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Following the conclusion on the financial update, City Manager Gleason proceeded with a discussion on the Economic and Community Development Department.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, participated remotely through electronic attendance and provided an update on her department's activities. She discussed recent staffing changes, neighborhood programs, the allocation of CDBG funds, and the upcoming launch of a new webpage to serve as a comprehensive resource for developers. She also discussed the initiatives related to code enforcement and the process of demolitions.

Ms. Melissa Hon, Deputy City Manager, commended Ms. Elzy and her team and spoke about the annual CDBG allocation and the upcoming launch of the new webpage.

Mr. Mike Snearly, Neighborhood Inspections Manager, spoke about the demolition process and answered questions from Council members regarding demolitions and asbestos removal.

Ms. Elzy addressed inquiries from Council members concerning issues related to code enforcement and the process of demolitions.

Council members discussed issues related to population decline, residency requirements and the city's boards and commissions.

With no further discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Ayn Owens, Bret Robertson, Dave Draves, Cherri Johnson, Abeer Motan, Kathy Williams and James McFarland.

Council members responded to citizen's comments.

With no other discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Adjournment.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the Study Session be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Culp and upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Study Session adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Approved July 21, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk