

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 20, 2025

On Monday, October 20, 2025, 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 Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and David Horn. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting by video conference.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Chuck Kuhle, Abeer Motan, Ayn Owens, Anthony Chapple, Kathy Williams and Jonathan Blanchard.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of October 6, 2025, City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

R2025-284 Resolution Authorizing Agreement between City of Decatur, Illinois and Love Learning and Laughter Daycare, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved to take the item from the table, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Gleason provided an overview of the Resolution.

Council members shared their opinions on the proposed Resolution and indicated their level of support for it.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Council members Ed Culp and Lisa Gregory voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

City Manager Gleason provided an update on the proposed budget for 2026.

Mr. Gregg Zientara, Interim Director of Finance, highlighted the proposed budget adjustments and responded to inquiries from Council members.

Resolution Estimating Amounts Necessary to be Raised by the 2025 Tax Levy, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Gleason provided an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Gregg Zientara, Interim Director of Finance, shared options for the Council to consider and answered questions from Council members.

Ms. Amy Waks, Assistant Corporation Counsel, answered questions from Council members.

Council members shared their thoughts about the options presented to them.

Upon call of the roll, Council member David Horn abstained from the vote. Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Consuelo Cruz voted nay. Council members Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

City Manager Gleason discussed the next steps since the motion failed.

R2025-285 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Arndt Municipal Support, Inc. for City Manager Recruitment, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Gleason provided a brief overview of the Resolution.

Council members expressed their opinions regarding the agreement.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2025-286 Resolution Authorizing Agreement and Appointing Interim City Manager, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Gleason provided a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Gleason provided the City Manager Update. He highlighted the Fall Frenzy High School Bass Fishing tournament which took place on Lake Decatur on October 11 & 12, 2025. City Manager Gleason noted it was his last meeting and expressed gratitude to the Council for their support and the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through H. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. No Council member requested to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items A. through H.:

2025-72 Item A. Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 34 Traffic and Parking

2025-73 Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3902 West Division Street

R2025-287 Item C. Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement for Waterway Improvements with James S. Dunn and Jonathan C. Dunn

R2025-288 Item D. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with A&R Services, Inc. for the 2025 Storm Drainage Improvement Project, City Project 2025-30

R2025-289 Item E. Resolution Approving Appointment - Library Board of Trustees

R2025-290 Item F. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Human Relations Commission

R2025-291 Item G. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium & Office Building Authority (d.b.a. Civic Center Board Authority)

Item H. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through H. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Council members thanked City Manager Gleason for his leadership and wished him well.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and Section 2(c)(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved November 3, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk