

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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 Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Lisa Gregory. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Melissa Hon attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Dianne Spaniol, Dr. Chung-Ha-Kim, Gary Jones, Shekila Smith, Alan Wade, Cherri Johnson, James McFarland and Brittany Larson.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of February 2, 2026, 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 Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Resolution Authorizing Agreement Amendment Between the City of Decatur and Love Learning and Laughter Daycare, LLC, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Council members expressed their opinions on the proposed amendment to allocate additional funds for the project.

Ms. Cherri Johnson, owner of Love Learning and Laughter Daycare, LLC, responded to questions from Council members about the request for additional funding.

Council members continued to express their views on the amendment.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe pulled the following item from the Council agenda: Budget Amendment Ordinance Appropriating Additional Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses for Certain Funds of the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 - Love Learning and Laughter Daycare LLC.

R2026-22 Resolution Authorizing City of Decatur to Enter into Purchase Agreement for Purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Aerial Ladder Fire Apparatus from MacQueen Emergency and Agreement for Debt Financing of Apparatus, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Fire Chief Neil Elder provided an overview of the Resolution and addressed questions from Council members concerning the replacement of the ladder truck.

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

City Manager Hon shared the City Manager update. The Decatur Fire Department received \$150,000 from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Additionally, the city has completed the installation of electric vehicle chargers, and the transition to a cashless fare system is set to begin shortly.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through U. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn requested to remove Items A., C. and O. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Calendar Items B., D. through N. and P. through U.:

R2026-23 Item B. Resolution Authorizing City of Decatur to Enter into Agreement with Locality Media, LLC d/b/a First Due for Records Management System (RMS) Services and Implementation

2026-09 Item D. Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-5 Two Family Residence District to B-1 Neighborhood Shopping Center District 543 East Division Street

R2026-24 Item E. Resolution Authorizing a Contract Change Order with E.L. Pruitt Company for Chiller Replacement at the Decatur Public Library

2026-10 Item F. Budget Amendment Ordinance Appropriating Additional Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses for Certain Funds of the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 - Decatur Public Library

R2026-25 Item G. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Dunn Company for the Purchase of Bituminous Pavement Materials

R2026-26 Item H. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Metal Culverts, Inc. for the Purchase of Corrugated Steel Pipe

R2026-27 Item I. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Energy Culvert Co. for the Purchase of Corrugated Steel Pipe

R2026-28 Item J. Resolution Accepting the Bid of CCI Redi-Mix for the Purchase of Portland Cement Concrete

R2026-29 Item K. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Energy Culvert Co. for the Purchase of Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe

R2026-30 Item L. Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract Holder Bid Price of Sutton Ford Inc. for the Purchase of Four (4) 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Vehicles

R2026-31 Item M. Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract Holder Bid Price of Federal Signal Corporation for the Upfit of Four (4) Police Vehicles

R2026-32 Item N. Resolution Accepting the Bid of CDS Office Technologies for the Purchase of Four (4) Sets of Computer Equipment for Police Vehicles

2026-11 Item P. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-66 Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by Any Other Method Within a Certain Area in the City of Decatur Former Decatur Manufactured Gas Production Site 515 East Main Street

R2026-33 Item Q. Resolution Rescinding a Purchase Order with Carbon Activated and Authorizing a Purchase Order with Ingevity for Furnishing Water Treatment Carbon for the Year 2026, Purchase #025-09

R2026-34 Item R. Resolution Authorizing the 2026 Managed Support Agreement with Concentric Integration, LLC for South Water Treatment Plant SCADA System

R2026-35 Item S. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Construction and Housing Board of Appeals

R2026-36 Item T. Resolution Approving Appointments - Construction and Housing Board of Appeals

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

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

2026-12 Ordinance Adding Territory to Enterprise Zone and Approving the Amendment of the Enacting Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement Mt. Zion Community Drive Redevelopment, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilman Horn about the proposed boundary revision.

Ms. Nicole Bateman, President of the Economic Development Corporation, answered questions from Councilman Horn about adding parcels into the Enterprise Zone through future boundary amendments.

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

R2026-37 Resolution Authorizing Payment to the Decatur Civic Center Authority for Operations and Other Services as Provided to the City of Decatur by the Civic Center Authority, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon responded to questions from Councilman Horn about whether alternative services were explored.

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

R2026-38 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Intera, Inc. for Drought Support, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, responded to questions from Council members about short-term water supply solutions, drought responses and the level of nitrates in the lake.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced that the name of the new baseball league in Decatur will be called the Decatur Bean Ballers.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called adjournment.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Approved March 2, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk