

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 6, 2026

On Monday, April 6, 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 Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and David Horn. 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: Daniel Ray Pickrell, John Phillips, Jr., Levi Leman and Ayn Owens.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of March 16, 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 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.

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

R2026-68 Resolution Adopting the Economic & Community Development 2026-2029 Revitalization Plan, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, responded to inquiries from Council members regarding the proposed revitalization plan.

Council members provided feedback regarding the proposed revitalization plan.

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.

R2026-69 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Property Tax Abatement Agreement with NOTIS Development LLC at 136 S Dipper Lane and Waiving of Building Permit Fees, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, responded to inquiries from Council members regarding the agreement.

Council members provided feedback regarding the agreement.

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.

City Manager Hon provided the City Manager Update highlighting the following personnel changes: New Hires: Amanda Gebhart, Permit Technician and Steve Hohulin, Urban Planning & Zoning Manager, New Appointment: Kyle Houston, Water Distribution, Promotions: Riley Reynolds to Fire Lieutenant and Justin Brownfield to Fire Lieutenant, Retirement: Rodney Phillips, Water Plant Operator, III. She added that the city is hosting the National Transit Institute class, encouraged residents to participate in the garbage and recycling survey and noted that the 2025 annual report is now available on the city's website. Additionally, she announced the launch of the Decatur Police Citizen Connect which can be found on the city's website.

Mayor Moore Wolfe expressed appreciation for the efforts put into the annual report and accomplishments.

City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilman Cooper about the garbage survey.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through O. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn requested to remove items G., K., and L. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Calendar Items A. through F., H. through J., and M. through O.:

R2026-70 Item A. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Decatur and the Sanitary District of Decatur for the Brush College Road Lift Station Force Main City Project 2020-06

R2026-71 Item B. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc. for the Northeast Water Main Extension – Boyd Rd to North of Cundiff Rd, City Project 2025-13

R2026-72 Item C. Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc., to Provide Construction Engineering Services for the Northeast Water Main Extension Project – Boyd Road to North Of Cundiff Road, City Project 2025-13

2026-17 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 775 West Grove Road

R2026-73 Item E. Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Holder Bid Price of Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the Purchase of Two Ford Maverick Trucks

R2026-74 Item F. Resolution to Approve an Engineering Services Agreement with WHKS and Co. and Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Garfield Avenue Bridge over the Illinois Central Railroad, SN 058-6000, City Project 2026-24

R2026-75 Item H. Resolution Approving the Purchase and Installation of Two (2) Emergency Warning Sirens

R2026-76 Item I. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of 333 E. Macon St., 380 S. Industry Ct., and 440 S. Franklin St.

R2026-77 Item J. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Purchasing Order between the City of Decatur, Illinois and Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC for Tire Lease for Transit Buses

R2026-78 Item M. Resolution Waiving all City Permit Fees for Development of Decatur Park District's Activity Center for Mature Adults

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

2026-18 Item O. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park - Decatur Area Arts Council

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through F., H. through J., and M. through O. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on 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.

R2026-79 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Dunn Company, A Division of Tyrolt, Inc. for 2026 Local Motor Fuel Tax Street Improvement Project, City Project 2026-25, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from Council members regarding the contract.

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.

R2026-80 Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for the Business Façade Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, responded to questions from Council members regarding the Business Façade Program.

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.

R2026-81 Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for the Residential Exterior Improvements Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, responded to questions from Council members regarding the Residential Exterior Improvements Program.

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.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe shared that she participated in the Illinois Mayor's Diplomacy Mission at the Vatican.

Councilman Culp shared his condolences to Mr. Phillips and discussed prior issues with the same intersection.

City Manager Hon provided an update regarding the planned roadwork on both the north and southbound lanes of Route 51.

Ms. Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel, answered questions from Councilman Horn regarding CO2 storage under Lake Decatur.

City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilwoman Cruz about the status of the Jasper Street project.

Mayor Moore Wolfe responded to questions from Councilwoman Cruz about emergency housing.

City Manager Hon responded to questions from Councilman Cooper about the redevelopment of the former Garfield School.

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 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 6:15 p.m.

Approved April 20, 2026

Kim Eubanks

Deputy City Clerk