

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 4, 2026

On Monday, May 4, 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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Consuelo Cruz. 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 Proclamations and Recognitions.

Ms. Nikki Fenderson read a Proclamation proclaiming May 11th to May 15th, 2026, as “Decatur Charter School Week”.

Mayor Moore Wolfe signed the proclamation.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Lisa Kitchens, Rocki Wilkerson, Andrew Jordan, Zane Peterson, Steve Funk, Gary Fyke, Ayn Owens and Bret Robertson.

Council members responded to citizens’ comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of April 20, 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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Culp abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

2026-20 Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Decatur and Merchant Street South, LLC, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided an overview of the Ordinance.

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

R2026-95 Resolution Authorizing Payment under an Agreement for Technical Planning Services between the Decatur Urban Area Transportation Study (DUATS) and the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2026-96 Resolution of the City of Decatur in Support of Municipal Housing Authority, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution and addressed questions from Council members concerning the recent state proposals.

Council members expressed their views on the matter.

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

City Manager Hon provided the City Manager highlighting recent personnel changes, including the swearing-in of new police patrol officers on April 29, 2026. The new officers are Braxton Barnes, Camden Dowers, Blake Dugar, Justin Garrison, Maya Houston, Brett Lybarger, Kadan Miller, Cody Powell, Alexis Stalets and Jeffrey Wileaver. Other new hires are Ryan Flemming, Equipment Operator and Amonte Davis, Transit Utility Worker. The Touch-a-Truck Equipment Show, part of Public Works Appreciation Week is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. outside the Decatur Civic Center.

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

Item A. R2026-97 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

Item C. R2026-98 Resolution Authorizing Supplement #2 to the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Section 09-00933-01-BR

Item E. R2026-99 Resolution Amending Grant Agreement Between the State of Illinois, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Decatur

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

R2026-100 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement for Waterway and Sediment Control Basin Improvements with Flatland Farms Craycroft LLC, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, answered questions related to the funding of the program.

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

R2026-101 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of the Interagency Agreement with the Illinois State Police and the Sheriff of McLean County, Illinois for the Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group Task Force, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Brad Allen, Chief of Police, answered questions regarding the duration of the agreement and language related to extensions and staff time.

City Manager Hon answered questions related to the agreement.

Council members provided additional comments regarding the agreement.

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

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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed

Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Approved May 18, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk