

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, June 15, 2026

On Monday, June 15, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Ed Culp. 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: Verlyn Rosenberger, Stephanie Brown, Doris McKay, Jerry Stocks, Donovan Smith, Caleb Sexson, Lucas Cooling, Katie Burns, Jon Grubb, Don Carmichael, Bret Robertson and Ayn Owens.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of June 1, 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 Dennis Cooper, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Gregory abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

City Manager Hon presented the Treasurer's Financial Report and answered questions regarding the city's cash reserve.

R2026-122 Resolution Authorizing Payment Under an Agreement for Technical Planning Services between the Decatur Urban Area Transportation Study (DUATS) and McKenna Associates, Inc. for a Comprehensive Plan, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning project costs. She also provided an overview of DUATS and answered questions regarding the existing comprehensive plan.

City Manager Hon responded to questions about whether there was the possibility of any delays with projects or proposals during the development of the plan.

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.

R2026-123 Resolution Authorizing the City of Decatur to Enter into an Agreement with McKenna Associates, Inc. for the Preparation of a Unified Development Ordinance, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Elzy provided an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning project funding, its timeline and updates to the existing code.

City Manager Hon explained the decision to hire a consultant instead of having city staff draft the ordinance. She responded to questions about community input and addressed concerns about the timeline for developing the ordinance.

Ms. Elzy responded to questions from Councilwoman Cruz regarding whether the comprehensive plan included a remediation plan based on the status given by the EPA.

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

R2026-124 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., to provide Professional Engineering Services to the City of Decatur for the South Water Treatment Plant Expansion Plan, City Project 2025-03, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Robert Weil, Water Production Manager, provided an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning water capacity at the South Water Treatment Plant and the purpose of the expansion plan.

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

R2026-125 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with INTERA Incorporated to Provide Professional Engineering Services to the City of Decatur for the Alternate Water Supplies Update, City Project 2024-05, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Weil provided an overview of the Resolution and responded to questions from Council members regarding drought resiliency measures.

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

City Manager Hon presented the City Manager Update highlighting the Finance Department's donation of hygiene kits to the Oasis Day Center. She also thanked the community for their input on the garbage management survey. Additionally, she noted that the Fire Department received a small equipment grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshall.

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

R2026-126 Item B. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of 1729 N. Church

R2026-127 Item C. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of 804 W. Wood

R2026-128 Item F. Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement between the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall and the City of Decatur for the Acceptance of Funds Awarded by the State of Illinois to the Decatur Fire Department

R2026-129 Item G. Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Local Public Agency General Maintenance

R2026-130 Item H. Resolution Rescinding an Agreement with Fulk Family Farm, LLC, for Waterway and Grade Control Structure Improvements

R2026-131 Item I. Resolution Approving Reappointments - City Plan Commission

R2026-132 Item J. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Historical and Architectural Sites Commission

R2026-133 Item K. Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of Street Rights-of-Way Community Events - Shoreline Classic

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items B. and C. and F. through K. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on 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.

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 277 W. Prairie, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

Councilman Culp raised questions about previous comments made earlier in the meeting and made a motion to table the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 277 W. Prairie and the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 1705 N. Main, seconded by Councilman Cooper.

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.

2026-23 Ordinance Adding Territory to Enterprise Zone and Approving the Amendment of the Enacting Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement Fuyao Development, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon addressed questions about whether any of the proposed territory falls within the corporate limits of Decatur.

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.

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

Councilman Culp expressed gratitude to the first responders and staff for their efforts in the storm cleanup, and he also sent prayers to the Ameren employee who was injured.

Mayor Moore Wolfe replied to comments concerning population decline from Council members Pat McDaniel and David Horn.

Councilman Cooper requested the support of Council to include an item on the next City Council agenda regarding a three-month moratorium on data centers.

Council members expressed their thoughts.

Mayor Moore Wolfe concluded that there was not enough support for an upcoming agenda item.

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 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 regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved July 6, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk