

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 20, 2026

On Monday, July 20, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz and Pat McDaniel. 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.

Kristen Ragusa, member of the Decatur Audubon Society, recognized Decatur as Bird City by presenting the city with a certificate and signage.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Molly Berry, Maggie Potempa, Cecil Scroggins, Melissa Ridenour, Daniel Ray Pickrel, Matt Kaltenbach, Bret Robertson and Ayn Owens.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of July 6th, 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 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 there being no Unfinished Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

R2026-149 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Bus Stop Service Agreement with FlixBus, Inc., 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.

Ms. Elzy addressed questions from Council members regarding the start date of the new service, the scheduled stop times and any potential concerns related to a rise in crime.

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.

R2026-150 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Ticket Reseller Agreement and Addendum with FlixBus, Inc., was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Elzy provided an 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.

2026-24 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 51.5 Hotel Use Tax, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Ordinance and responded to questions regarding the collection of the hotel use tax.

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.

R2026-151 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Proposals for the City Council Community Grant Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Council members provided feedback regarding the administration and procedures associated with the grant program.

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

City Manager Hon presented the City Manager Update highlighting the storm removal efforts by staff. She also thanked staff and volunteers for their cleanup efforts during the Community Impact Days. Additionally, she announced that National Night Out will take place on August 4, 2026, at Dansby Park and the Fall Frenzy High School Bash Fishing Tournament is scheduled for August 29 and August 30, 2026.

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

Item A. R2026-152 Resolution Appropriating Additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Construction Maintenance Agreement with the Illinois Central Railroad for the Brush College Road Grade Separation Project, City Project 2009-33 Section 09-00933-01-BR

Item B. R2026-153 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Clark Dietz Inc. to Provide Design Engineering Services for the North Summitt Avenue Drainage Improvements, City Project 2026-18

Item C. R2026-154 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement for a Streambank Improvement with Ronald R. Helm and Jeanne E. Helm

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

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through D. 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.

City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilwoman Cruz about city sponsored dumpster days and the associated costs, in addition to questions about swimming in Lake Decatur.

Councilman Cooper requested an update on the housing project at the corner of Oakland and Grand.

City Manager Hon responded to Councilman Horn's inquiries about the potential litigation risks associated with discussions on carbon sequestration activities.

Councilman Horn addressed the rising number of fires occurring in the City of Decatur.

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 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 declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Approved August 3, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk