

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Councilman Chuck Kuhle was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Laura Dean, Associate Professor at Millikin University along with her student, Maggie Schrage, presented a proclamation proclaiming January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Ashley Robinson, Jesse Robinson and James Taylor.

Council members responded to citizens' comments regarding annexations.

The minutes of December 16, 2024, 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, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

R2025-01 Resolution Receiving and Filing Proposed Annexation Agreement Located Generally North of I-72 and West of State Route 48, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Cordaryl Patrick, Economic and Community Development Director, gave an overview of the following two Resolutions as they related to the same project.

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

R2025-02 Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing for Proposed Annexation Agreement Located Generally North of I-72 and West of State Route 48, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

R2025-03 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bodine Proposal Regarding City Fiber Extension from Eisenhower High School to Firehouse 7, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Tim Gleason gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Jim Edwards, Director of IT, answered questions from Council members regarding a future overview or update on fiber and broadband.

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

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Transportation Services, presented results from a Comprehensive Operations Analysis that included Mobility on Demand, expanded hours and higher frequency on popular routes.

City Manager Gleason presented the City Manager Update and announced new hires, promotions and retirements. New hires: Shane Conaway, Service Worker; Austin Harbin, Accounting Assistant; William Cutright-Werkman, Bryton Fuchs, Logan Jordan, Lacey Middleton and Stephen Vickers, Police Patrol Officers. Promotions: Brian Lockwood, Deputy Fire Chief, Prevention & Administration; Toby Jackson, Deputy Fire Chief, Training; Anthony “Rocky” Maldonado, Battalion Chief; Brad Lockwood, Fire Captain; Eric Matthews, Police Sergeant; Jason Danner, Police Sergeant; Randy Stewart, Neighborhood Service Officer; Tina Oros, Parts Person and Kim Eubanks, Deputy City Clerk. Retirements: Dan Wise, Police Sergeant; Charlie Hendricks, Detective and Danny Hoult, Neighborhood Service Officer.

City Manager Gleason announced the launch of two Hybrid E-gen Flex electric hybrid buses and provided an update on snow operations performed by the Public Works Department in the month of January.

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

R2025-004 Item A. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) Funds FY2024

R2025-005 Item B. Resolution Authorizing Second Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Decatur and the Decatur Public Library and Council 31, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO on Behalf of AFSCME Local 268

R2025-006 Item C. Resolution Authorizing the Certifications and Assurances of the 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

R2025-007 Item D. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Macon and the City of Decatur for Distribution of the 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

R2025-008 Item E. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Graykey License Renewal from Magnet Forensics for the Decatur Police Department

R2025-009 Item F. Resolution Authorizing a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Grapppler Truck

R2025-010 Item G. Resolution Accepting a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of Three (3) Dump Trucks

R2025-011 Item H. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement Between the State of Illinois, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Decatur

R2025-012 Item I. Resolution Authorizing a Two-Year Sponsored Research Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for Hydrologic, Sediment and Nutrient Monitoring, Upper Sangamon River Watershed

R2025-013 Item J. Resolution Authorizing a Four-Year Sponsored Research Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for Real-Time Mahomet Aquifer Monitoring

2025-001 Item L. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3070 Lakland Road

R2025-115 Item M. Resolution Approving Appointment - Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium & Office Building Authority (DBA: Civic Center Board Authority)

R2025-116 Item N. Resolution Approving Reappointment- Public Building Commission

R2025-117 Item O. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

R2025-118 Item P. Resolution Approving Appointment - Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

Item Q. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commission

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through J. and L. through Q. 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, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2025-114 Resolution Authorizing a Cash Rent Farm Lease with Craig Hill for Two DeWitt County Farms, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn encouraged staff to consider alternatives to traditional farming on city owned land to reduce nutrients going into the watershed.

Upon call of the roll, Council member David Horn abstained from the vote. Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, 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.

Council members discussed lane reductions in an effort to slow down traffic and thanked the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Councilwoman Gregory moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

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, 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 8:16 p.m.

Approved February 3, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk