

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 16, 2024

On Monday, December 16, 2024, 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason 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: Amanda Crystal, Ayn Owens and Micah Ray.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

The minutes of December 2, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced that the Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement with KC Finds, LLC was pulled from the agenda.

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

R2024-368 Resolution Authorizing Agreement for Lobbying Services - Highstake 35 LLC DBA Mercury Public Affairs, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Gleason provided an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Cheri Bustos, Partner with Mercury Public Affairs, provided an overview of the firm and introduced Senior Vice Presidents Nick Bustos and Michael Morthland.

Nick Bustos and Michael Morthland spoke about their backgrounds.

Council members provided feedback and expressed their views regarding the agreement.

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

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Financial Report and answered questions from Council members concerning cash reserves.

R2024-369 Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, provided an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-370 Resolution for Third Transit Management and Operations Agreement Amendment with MV Transportation, Inc., was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Transportation Services, provided an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning staffing levels.

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

R2024-371 Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement between City of Decatur, Illinois and Stixon36 LLC, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Gleason provided an overview of the Resolution.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland provided highlights of the development agreement.

Council members discussed the agreement and provided feedback.

City Manager Gleason answered questions from Council members regarding the agreement.

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

City Manager Gleason presented the City Manager Update and spoke about available grants for qualified home daycare and daycare centers.

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

Item B. R2024-373 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Carbon, #PUR2024-13

Item C. R2024-374 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Carbon Dioxide, #PUR2024-13

Item D. R2024-375 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Chlorine, #PUR2024-13

Item E. R2024-376 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Hydrofluorosilicic Acid, #PUR2024-13

Item F. R2024-377 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Lime, #PUR2024-13

Item G. R2024-378 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Sodium Chloride, #PUR2024-13

Item H. R2024-379 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Sodium Chlorite, #PUR2024-13

Item I. R2024-380 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Sodium Hexametaphosphate, #PUR2024-13

Item J. 2024-181 Ordinance Rezoning Property from B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District to PD Planned Development District - 1326 and 1336 West Eldorado Street

Item K. R2024-381 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Entler Excavating Company, Inc. for the 2024 Storm Drainage Improvement Project, City Project 2024-30

Item L. R2024-382 Resolution Approving and Determining the Need for Confidentiality of Minutes of Closed Meetings

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

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items B. through M. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-372 Resolution Authorizing the City of Decatur to Provide an Interfund Cash Advance to Certain Funds to Affect a Positive Cash Position as of the Close of Business as of December 31, 2024, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Councilman Cooper raised questions about overspending in the budget.

City Manager Gleason responded to Councilman Cooper's questions.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, 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.

Councilman Kuhle thanked the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and IBEW for the ornament light display in Central Park designed for holiday photos. Mayor Moore Wolfe also thanked Decatur Earthmover Credit Union and the Heart of Illinois Community Foundation. Councilman Horn congratulated Heritage Behavioral Health Center for receiving a \$43.8 million dollar grant for their new facility. Councilman Cooper congratulated the Economic and Community Development Department for their award for the Great Streetscape project.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Regular Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, 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 6:48 p.m.

Approved January 21, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk