

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, December 14, 2020

On Monday, December 14, 2020, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Special City Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Bill Faber. Council members Lisa Gregory and Rodney Walker participated through electronic attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe that an in-person meeting of all members of the City Council is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Marc Girdler, Marty Watkins, and John Phillips.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

R2020-180 Resolution Authorizing Community Development Block Grant-COVID (CDBG-CV) Small Business Assistance Subrecipient Agreement FY 2020 Community Investment Corporation of Decatur, Inc. (CICD), was presented. Councilman McDaniel made a motion to take the item from the table, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Ordinance.

Council discussed four alternatives to the language in the compliance section of the Ordinance referring to entities being ineligible for small business assistance if they have been cited and fined for violations of the city's COVID protection rules, and/or cited and fined for violations of other local ordinances.

Following Council discussion, Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to amend the Ordinance by removing the following language, "Businesses who have been cited or fined because of COVID ordinance violations, and/or other local ordinances within the last 12 months are not eligible for assistance through this program" and adding the following language "Preference for providing assistance through this program will be given to those businesses who

have not been found to be in violation of local ordinances within the previous twelve (12) months”. Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Council members Chuck Kuhle, Rodney Walker, and Bill Faber voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a public hearing in the matter of the 2020 Tax Levy. Mayor Moore Wolfe opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. and declared the public meeting closed at 6:11 p.m.

2020-166 Ordinance Levying Property Taxes for the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Purpose of Raising Revenue to Meet Certain Necessary Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Ordinance and answered questions from Council.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-167 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2010 Series C Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-168 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2012 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-169 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2013 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-170 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2014 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-171 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2015 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-172 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2016 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-173 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2017 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-174 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2018 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-175 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-176 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series B Bonds, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Recess to Study Session for a discussion on Neighborhood Revitalization. Councilman McDaniel moved to Recess to Study Session, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Wrighton reported that surplus parcels continue to be sold through the side lot program and Phase One of the Johns Hill Neighborhood project has been completed that consisted of land acquisition, demolition, water service replacement and debris removal.

Councilman Horn exited the Theater at 6:46 pm and returned at 6:50 p.m.

City Manager Wrighton provided an update on a project spearheaded by Millikin University taking place on several city owned lots at the corner of Jordan and Marietta Streets that is intended to serve as an experiment to help inform whether urban agriculture can be a permanent and sustainable element of neighborhood revitalization.

Ms. Ellen Hearn provided an update on the Block-by-Block program that included upgrades to a home on East Wood Street near Nelson Park.

Mr. Cordaryl “Pat” Patrick, Director of Economic and Community Development provided an update on the number of demolitions completed since the last revitalization study session and discussed demolition strategies.

Councilman Faber exited the Theater at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

Ms. Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Manager, answered questions from Council regarding the number of demolitions completed in 2020.

Mayor Moore Wolfe exited the Theater at 7:41 p.m. and returned at 7:43 p.m.

Deputy City Manager Jon Kindseth gave an overview of the proposed Distressed Properties Ordinance.

Planning and Development Manager Greg Crowe identified key commercial corridors and how they were selected.

City Manager Wrighton answered questions from Council regarding funding sources for Neighborhood Revitalization.

Councilman Faber exited the Theater at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:08 p.m.

With no other discussion on Neighborhood Revitalization, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for public comments.

Mr. John Phillips and Mr. John Phillips Sr. provided comments to the Council.

With no other public comments, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory and on call of the roll, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Special City Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved January 4, 2021

Kim Althoff

City Clerk