

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2017

On Monday, December 4, 2017, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber and Lisa Gregory. Seven members present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens:

Steven Lucker requested Council consider amending City Code Chapter 55, Section 6, to require drive-thru restaurants to have garbage cans outside for patrons to use.

The minutes of the November 20, 2017, Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Proclamations and Recognitions: Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated that she read a Proclamation earlier today on behalf of the State of Illinois' Bicentennial Celebration.

City Manager Tim Gleason announced that the City had received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association and thanked Finance Director Gregg Zientara, Melinda Hawbaker and Donna Cobillas for the excellent job they do.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe recognized City Manager Tim Gleason for receiving the designation of a Credentialed Manager from the International City Manager's Association.

Public Hearing Regarding Annual Tax Levy for the City of Decatur was opened at 5:35 p.m. No individuals came forward to address Council. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe closed the Public Hearing at 5:37 p.m.

R2017-142 Resolution Approving the Budget for the City of Decatur for the Fiscal Period Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2018, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman David Horn motioned to table the Budget Resolution to the next meeting so Council has the opportunity to see potential amendments and vote on them at the next meeting; seconded by Councilman Bill Faber.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn and Bill Faber voted aye. Councilmen Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted nay. Two ayes and five nays. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Councilman David Horn proposed his first amendment to the budget was to change the budget line item for Other Licenses from \$221,000 to \$621,000. Councilman David Horn explained that one way to achieve this revenue would be to increase the fee of each video gaming terminal from \$250 to \$1,250 and receive an additional \$400,000 in revenue.

Councilman David Horn motioned to change the budget for Other Licenses from \$221,000 to \$621,000; seconded by Councilman Bill Faber.

Council discussed looking at Councilman David Horn's suggested amendments to the budget during a future Study Session.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn and Bill Faber voted aye. Councilmen Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted nay. Two ayes and five nays. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Councilman David Horn motioned to increase the Utility Tax from \$4,702,000 to \$4,977,000; seconded by Councilman Bill Faber.

Councilman David Horn asked City Manager Tim Gleason if he believed that the City of Decatur could see reduced rates in electricity through electrical aggregation. City Manager Tim Gleason stated that when he received that question from Councilman David Horn, he reached out to Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus and they found it very difficult to come up with a satisfactory answer. At this time, we do not know. Councilman David Horn confirmed by stating at this time there is no way to tell whether a utility tax increase would be offset by a decrease in electrical rate aggregation. City Manager Tim Gleason stated that was correct. Councilman David Horn withdrew his motion to amend and Councilman Bill Faber withdrew his second.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for roll on the original motion to approve the budget. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilmen David Horn and Bill Faber voted nay. Five ayes and two nays. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Motion to Reconsider Ordinance Rezoning Property R-3 Single-Family Residence District to B-2 Commercial District 1355 North Illinois Route 48, was presented. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory moved the Motion do pass; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber and Lisa Gregory voted nay. Three ayes and four nays. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

R2017-143 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Agreement between the City of Decatur and MDA Properties, LLC, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman David Horn asked what the additional commercial development mentioned in the agreement was. City Manager Tim Gleason explained that they don't have specifics, but it is additional retail opportunities or office space.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Councilman David Horn requested Items A and D be removed. The Clerk read Items B - C:

- B. R2017-145 Resolution Authorizing City Manager, Deputy City Manager and/or Director of Economic & Community Development to Approve HUD Project Agreements and Expenditures
- C. R2017-146 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with the Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center Regarding Records of the City of Decatur Emergency Communication Center that Exist as of December 31, 2017; their Maintenance, Retention, Destruction, and Responsibility to Preserve

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved Items B through C be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Item A., R2017-144 Resolution Authorizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fund Allocation for the Annual Action Plan FY 2017-18, was presented. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman David Horn asked to what extent can the FY 17-18 Annual Action for CDGB and Home Funds be connected to and used for our Neighborhood Revitalization plans and to what extent is the Resolution connected to pages 40 and 41 of the 2018 Budget consolidation draft. Neighborhood Services Manager Richelle Irons stated the Action Plan was

just approved by HUD and it includes infrastructure improvements, rehabilitation, education, training, and those types of things so they could coincide with the revitalization plan as we move forward. Councilman David Horn asked if they had the ability to modify the Action Plan in the event the Neighborhood Revitalization groups identify key areas that might fit. Neighborhood Services Manager Richelle Irons stated that they did. They would have to have a public hearing and submit the amendment to HUD and they would also have to amend their consolidated plan. Councilman David Horn asked what the reason was for the shift of \$200,000 in Home Programs from supportive housing to residential rehab. Neighborhood Services Manager Richelle Irons explained that the supportive housing did not go forward so they shifted the money to residential rehab where they could assist more home owners.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Item D., 2017-54 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 Alcoholic Liquor, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman David Horn asked if Council approved this Ordinance how many more Class A and Class B liquor licenses would be available relative to the maximum that this Ordinance is requesting. Councilman Pat McDaniel also serves as the Local Liquor Commissioner and he stated it would reduce Class A Liquor Licenses by one from 45 to 44. Class B Liquor Licenses would go from 50 to 53. Councilman David Horn asked how might this impact economic growth if the City has commercial enterprises that want to come in and are requesting a Class A or B liquor license, if the City has already reached the maximum number of Class A and Class B liquor licenses. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained that Class A liquor licenses are what are considered bar/tavern types of establishments. The liquor license classes go all the way up to Class P. There are plenty of other classifications of liquor licenses that a commercial establishment wanting to come into the community would qualify for that would allow them to serve alcohol.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman David Horn voted nay. Six ayes and one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Councilman Charles Kuhle commented on how great the downtown area looks.

Councilman David Horn congratulated Millikin University on four outstanding Vesper performances over the past weekend. Councilman David Horn asked if there were entities with a Decatur address that may not necessarily vote in municipal elections that are currently using Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire Department services. City Manager Tim Gleason stated the City would respond in a mutual aid situation but we are not the primary public safety provider in a side agreement. Councilman David Horn clarified that there are no entities that

when they call 911 for which the Decatur Police Department or Decatur Fire Department would be the first on call that are not necessarily paying property taxes. City Manager Tim Gleason stated that was correct.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved December 18, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk