

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 20, 2017

On Monday, November 20, 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 Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray and Bill Faber. 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:

Jim Oettel, Sandra Lindberg, and Roslyn O'Conner shared their concerns and comments regarding the City's logging contract. They asked the Council to stop the logging of trees and recommended the City develop a natural area master plan.

The minutes of the November 6, 2017, regular 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 Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber 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: Brian Byers and Debbie Bogle shared that in honor of the WSOY Community Food Drive the community was awarded the Governor's Cup.

R2017-136 Resolution Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement Liaison Home Automation, LLC 288 North Park Street – Street Level, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Manager Tim Gleason and Economic and Community Development Director Ray Lai responded to Council members questions regarding sales tax revenue and incentives offered to the developer.

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

Ordinance Rezoning Property R-3 Single-Family Residence District to B-2 Commercial District 1355 North Illinois Route 48, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted nay. Seven nays and no ayes. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

R2017-137 Resolution Authorizing and Acknowledging Receiving of Grant Funds from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for the Neighborhood Redevelopment Component of the City Community Revitalization Initiative, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Council members thanked the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for making the donation.

City Manager Tim Gleason responded to Citizen Dianne Spaniol's questions regarding the City's use of the grant funds for Neighborhood Redevelopment.

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

R2017-138 Resolution Authorizing Termination of Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Vehicles Manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber 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 Bill Faber requested Item D. be removed. The Clerk read Items A - C:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2017-139 Resolution Approving Appointment – Civil Service Commission
- C. R2017-140 Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Rights-of-Way Community Events Annual 2 Miles to Miles/Crown 5K & Fun Run

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

Item D., R2017-141 Resolution Estimating Amounts Necessary to be Raised by Tax Levy, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara stated the Resolution announced that there will be a Public Hearing at the next Council meeting on December 4, 2017, for the purpose of a Property Tax Levy discussion.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

City Manager Tim Gleason stated that there is an option under the second logging agreement that the City has with Critchelow Logging to opt out of the contract. The City needs to opt out of the contract because we have found out the property is owned by the Decatur Park District. Councilman David Horn stated there needs to be a master plan developed. Councilman David Horn asked if the consulting forester's contract would be terminated. City Manager Tim Gleason stated it would be.

Councilman Pat McDaniel spoke about road races and how closing a main traffic area is very disruptive to traffic and businesses. He urged staff to encourage organizations that want to have running races, which Council would have to approve closing rights-of-way for, to look at other routes where they are not closing major traffic areas and disrupting businesses and home owners.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory stated that when Council started the Neighborhood Revitalization efforts her understanding was that the focus and the goals of this community wide effort was to focus on the inner City neighborhoods that are decayed. She asked to clarify that the goal of this revitalization plan is primarily to provide strategies by which we can revitalize neighborhoods such as Old Kings Orchard and GM Square. City Manager Tim Gleason stated in their first neighborhood revitalization meeting their discussion was about the neighborhood challenges that the community has. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated there are also pockets of neighborhoods that need to be looked at before they start to decay further. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory stated she is starting to hear a lot of people using the word "community" and it causing her concern because we are a community of 73,000, she is hoping we begin to work on our inner City neighborhoods and as they are revitalized that will grow out and be a larger benefit to our entire community.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for the Treasurer's Financial Report and Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Review.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara presented highlights of the February 2017 Treasurer's Financial Report and responded to Council members finance questions.

City Manager Tim Gleason and Finance Director Gregg Zientara provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2018 proposed City's budget. Council members shared their comments regarding the 2018 proposed City's deficit budget. Council members reviewed a list of entities that the City provides funds for and how Council needs a better understanding of what their funds do for them. Council members wanted to let entities know that the City has some financial concerns that will need to be solved. City Manager Tim Gleason confirmed that the proposed budget will be on Council agenda on December 4th and he will write a letter to the different entities and include the Municipal Band.

Councilman Bill Faber stepped out of the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stepped out of the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 7:57 p.m.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle, and on call of roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved December 5, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk