

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 16, 2020

On Monday, November 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Regular 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 Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Rodney Walker and Pat McDaniel. 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, Nanette Ruffin, John Phillips, Todd Cox, Tim Spinner, Susan Love, Susan Clark, Shomiah Page, Jodi Haskins, Alyssa Myers, John Haskins, Kimberly Bowers, Craig Devereux, and Theresa Palmer.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the City Council meeting on November 2, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

2020-155 Ordinance Amending City Code – Chapter 73 – Offenses – Regarding Mandatory Face Coverings to Preserve and Protect Residents, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Council expressed their views on the amendment to the Ordinance and held a lengthy discussion on enforcement and fines.

Police Chief Jim Getz responded to questions from Council regarding enforcement of the Ordinance.

Mr. Tim Spinner expressed his view on the Ordinance.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained the process of enforcing fines through Administrative Court and Circuit Court.

Ms. Susan Love expressed her view on the Ordinance.

Councilman McDaniel made a motion to amend the Ordinance to allow bars and restaurants to remain open for indoor dining. Councilman Kuhle seconded the motion.

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

Councilman McDaniel made a motion to amend the Ordinance to remove fines for citizens not wearing masks. Motion not seconded. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Councilman Kuhle made a motion to amend the Ordinance by cutting fees in half for citizens; fees for businesses would remain the same. Councilwoman Gregory seconded the motion.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland discussed the fee schedule for various offenses.

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

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

2020-156 Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance - Section II. Definitions and Section IV.A. Compliance with Land Development Regulations, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Greg Crowe, Planning and Development Manager, explained why approval of the proposed amendment could provide a cost savings to property owners who want to combine lots.

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

R2020-163 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Purchase Property located at 1200 East Cantrell Street, Decatur, Illinois, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Faber exited the Theater at 8:02 p.m.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A. through P. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. No Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through P.

Item A. R2020-164 Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to Consider Such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice- 4161 North Taylor Avenue

Item B. R2020-165 Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to Consider Such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice- 3290 Las Vegas Drive, 2255 Frontier Road, 3300 Las Vegas Drive, 3305 Desert Inn Road

Item C. R2020-166 Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to Consider Such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice- 2406 Thunderbird Dr. (Lot East); 3205 Las Vegas Dr. (Lot West); 3233, 3220, 3235 Tropicana Rd.; 2331 Frontier Rd.; 3305, 3303, 3333, 3332 Tropicana Rd.

Item D. R2020-167 Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to Consider Such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice- 3330 Ferris Drive

Item E. R2020-168 Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to Consider Such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice- 3312, 3310 N. Westlawn Ave.; 3303 Fite Dr.; 3296, 3311, 3255 N. Westlawn Ave.

Item F. 2020-157 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3740 West Catherine Street

Item G. 2020-158 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3861 West Center Street

Item H. 2020-159 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3960 West Division Street

Item I. 2020-160 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3309 Ferris Drive

Item J. 2020-161 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2115 North Sunnyside Road

Item K. 2020-162 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of West Riverview Avenue at South Dennis Avenue Facing South Dennis Avenue

Item L. 2020-163 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of West Riverview Avenue and South Westlawn Avenue Facing West Riverview Avenue

Item M. R2020-169 Resolution Approving Reappointment - Zoning Board of Appeals

Item N. R2020-170 Resolution Approving Reappointment - City Plan Commission

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

Item P. R2020-171 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Purchase Agreement 826 East Lawrence Street, City of Decatur, Illinois.

Councilman McDaniel moved Items A. through P. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Faber returned to the Theater at 8:05 p.m.

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

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Study Session for a discussion on the 2021 proposed annual budget. Councilman McDaniel moved to Recess to Study Session, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Public Works budget which included the general fund, storm sewer operations, sanitary sewer operations, water operations, fleet operations, and street capital.

Public Works Director Matt Newell and Municipal Services Manager Dan Mendenhall were present to answer questions from Council regarding the Public Works budget.

Councilman Rodney Walker exited the Theater at 9:00 p.m.

With no other discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilman McDaniel moved the City Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved December 7, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk