

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

On Tuesday, February 20, 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 Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Chuck Kuhle. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This being the time set aside for Appearance of Citizens and there being none, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the February 5, 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 Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Kuhle abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a discussion on Eldorado Street Corridor Enhancements.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Eldorado Street corridor enhancements and introduced Mr. Neil Brumleve with Massie, Massie and Associates who spoke about the concept drawings for Eldorado Street and answered questions from Council members.

Council members provided feedback on the possible improvements to the corridor.

R2024-40 Resolution Authorizing a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of Five (5) Dump Trucks, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, answered questions from Council members regarding the disposition of old vehicles.

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, answered questions from Council members regarding financing the dump trucks.

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

2024-16 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 44 – Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials Control, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Council members held a discussion regarding the proposed fee for lift assists services.

Mr. Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief, spoke about the impact on the Fire Department over the increased number of lift assists calls in the past several years.

Ms. Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel, answered questions from Council members regarding language in the Ordinance.

Ms. Johna McFadden spoke about the number of calls for assessments and lift assists at Evergreen Senior Living.

Ms. Molly Carpenter spoke about the number of calls for assessments and lift assists at Eagle Ridge of Decatur.

Council members continued their discussion concerning lift assists and spoke about outreach to the affected facilities.

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to amend the Ordinance to include a one-year sunset clause so that the Ordinance could be revisited in one year, seconded by Councilman Cooper.

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

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

R2024-41 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aide Box Alarm System (MABAS), was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief, provided an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-42 Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds to Purchase and Replace Data Storage Hardware at End of Life from Presidio Networked Solutions Group, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Jim Edwards, Director of IT, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-43 Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing to Consider the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Central TIF Redevelopment Project Area, as presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Council members thanked the large number of citizens who attended the first public meeting regarding the Central TIF redevelopment project area and spoke about the objectives of the TIF plan.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through AC. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items A. through AC.:

R2024-44 Item A. Resolution Approving Appointment - Human Relations Commission

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

2024-18 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3063 Tempe Drive

2024-19 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2215 Lilac Drive

2024-20 Item E. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2866 Southland Road

2024-21 Item F. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3020 Turpin Road

2024-22 Item G. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2250 Highland Road

2024-23 Item H. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2480 Hulett Drive

R2024-45 Item I. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3226 Desert Inn Road

R2024-46 Item J. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 2093 Solar Avenue

R2024-47 Item K. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, Setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3170 N. Westlawn

R2024-48 Item L. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3210 Westlawn and 2112 Solar Avenue

R2024-49 Item M. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3833 W. Division

R2024-50 Item N. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 1424 S. 37th Street, 1434 S. 37th Street, 3847 E. Corman Street, Lot East of 3847 E. Corman Street, 1531 S. 44th Street, Lot East of 3643 E. Corman Street, 1495 S. 37th Street and Lot South of 1466 S. 37th Street

R2024-51 Item O. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice Lot North of 4148 E. Faries Parkway and Lot West of 4152 E. Faries Parkway

R2024-52 Item P. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 775 W. Grove Road, 747 W. Grove Road, 865 W. Grove Road, 805 W. Grove Road, 815 W. Grove Road and Lot West of 815 W. Grove Road

R2024-53 Item Q. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 2933 Danny Drive, 2913 Danny Drive, 2914 Danny Drive, and 2934 Danny Drive

R2024-54 Item R. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3011 Danny Drive

R2024-55 Item S. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3316 Ferris Drive, 1850 Ferris Drive and 1930 Ferris Drive

R2024-56 Item T. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice Lot East of 1302 W. Bowshier

R2024-57 Item U. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 1604 South Shores Drive

R2024-58 Item V. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3601 W. Marietta Street

R2024-59 Item W. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 1645 S. 44th Street and 1685 S. 44th Street

R2024-60 Item X. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 3643 E. Corman Street

R2024-61 Item Y. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice Lot West of 3555 W. Catherine

R2024-62 Item Z. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 1803 W. Sunset Avenue, Lot South of 2081 S. Sunset, Lot South of 2069 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2021 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1945 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1937 Sunset, Lot South of 1929 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1915 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1901 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2011 Sunset, Lot South of 2095 Sunset, Lot South of 700 S. Westlawn, Lot South of 1909 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1893 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1873 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1853 Sunset

R2024-63 Item AA. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 2514 Hulett Drive

R2024-64 Item AB. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 2420 Hulett Drive, 2449 Hulett Drive, 2465 Haines Hill Road, and 2448 Hulett Drive
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R2024-65 Item AC. Resolution Indicating Intent to Annex an Unincorporated Territory, setting a Hearing to consider such Annexation, and Directing Publication of Hearing Notice 1135 N. Moffet Lane, 1205 N. Moffet Lane, 1003 N. Moffet Lane, 3204 W. Marietta, and 3214 W. Marietta

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced that if it was Council's desire to determine the method of payment for the purchase of five (5) dump trucks, Section Four of the Resolution Authorizing a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of Five (5) Dump Trucks would need to be stricken that authorized the City Manager and Finance Director to affect payment.

Councilman McDaniel called for a motion to amend the Resolution by striking Section Four from the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

Council members spoke about front yard parking and fees for premium yard waste collection.

The consensus of Council members was in favor of having a discussion item regarding premium yard waste collection placed on the next City Council agenda.

Council members asked that notification be sent to the affected facilities impacted by the new lift assist fee.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Approved March 4, 2024
Kim Althoff
City Clerk