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**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, November 6, 2023**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:40 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

Roll call showed present: Council Member Joe Gliosci, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis, Also present were City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel, City Attorney David Leggans, Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour. Absent: Council Member Ray Botch.

Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the City.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel spoke to the Council regarding the possible acquisition of the property South of Lincoln Park on Harlan Road. From conversations with others, Assistant City Manager McKenna stated that the owner is interested in the idea of a Rec Center, if that is the direction that the City chooses to go and would be willing to work with the City on the property. The owner has sent contact information to Assistant City Manager McKenna. City Manager Bechtel stated that they would like the Council's permission before any discussion with the owner. Assistant City Manager McKenna stated that the property is 69 acres and is currently listed at \$1.4 million. Lincoln Park including the Aquatic Zoo, ballfields, and the undeveloped property is currently 80 acres.

The Council directed City Manager Bechtel and Assistant City Manager McKenna to move forward to have a conversation with the property owner regarding possible acquisition of the property.

**Council Member Joe Gliosci made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: Gliosci, Moore, Young, and Lewis. Absent: Botch.**

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Barbour*

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk