

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:25 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 Ray Botch, 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 Courtney Cox, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor John Lewis requested an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) – Sale and Lease of Real Property and 5 ILCS 220/2(c)(1) Personnel.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated the first item for discussion is the property on Zachery Drive that the City is in the process of purchasing. She has recently met with South Central Transit, and they are interested in the property on Zachery Drive which the City is in the process of purchasing. They are wanting to purchase 10 acres on the north side to consolidate their services to one site, including their professional offices, their fleet management barn, and to build a transfer station where busses can come in and transfer riders at that site. This is public transportation which is important for our residents. The City would have to subdivide the property and sell them the 10 acres. The Council Members were in agreement that City Manager Bechtel should go forward with communication with South Central Transit and obtain a site plan and the Council would decide on a price after expenses are considered.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated the next item on the agenda is the employment of personnel. This is regarding the future employment of Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna as City Manager. Council Members were given a Future Employment Agreement and an Employment Contract that had been prepared by former City Attorney David Leggans. City Attorney Courtney Cox does not believe that the Future Employment Agreement is necessary, and he stated that the idea of the Future Employment Agreement can be added and covered in the Employment Agreement. Assistant City Manager McKenna has read the Employment Agreement and has suggested the changes he would want in the Agreement. Attorney Cox went over the suggestions made by McKenna. Attorney Cox also had suggestions that he presented to the Council that he would make to the Agreement. Council Members discussed the Agreement and possible changes and wording of several sections of the Agreement. The Council agreed that

Attorney Cox should draft a revised Agreement for the Council and Assistant City Manager McKenna to review.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Barbour".

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk