

**CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Monday, April 21, 2025**

The Mt. Vernon City Council met in Executive Session on Monday April 21, 2025 at 7:16 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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

Mayor John Lewis opened the Executive Session.

The 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 Assistant City Manager Nathan McKenna and Deputy City Clerk Becky Barbour.

Discussion was held regarding the donation of property by the Lincoln Park Foundation for the Rec Center and being either north or south of the Aquatic Zoo.

City Manager McKenna stated there has been a conversation with the property owner of the approximately 69 acres on Harlan Road that is on the market for \$1.4 million dollars.

All three properties were identified as the first, second, and third choice when the park plan was started. In the Park Master Plan, the number one choice was the parcel north of the Aquatic Zoo. The goal has always been to develop all of that land into parks. There was discussion regarding opinions of the Council and placement of the Rec Center.

City Manager stated the City has time to make this decision. The City is just now narrowing down the architectural firms to three and hopefully will have one selected by end of May or first of June. McKenna stated that after an architectural firm is chosen, they could look over the plan and the Council could continue the discussion regarding location of the Rec Center at that time.

Mayor Lewis stated he believes the City should purchase the Harlan Road property regardless of where it is decided to put the Rec Center. This property could be used for future projects. The Council was in agreement that City Manager should make additional inquiry regarding the Harlan Road property.

McKenna stated that he has started the process for appraisals on the locations.

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

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Becky Barbour, Deputy City Clerk