

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL

Executive Session Minutes

City Council Chambers

132 E. Prairie Street

Marengo, IL 60152

February 9, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Proffitt called the Executive Session meeting to order at 7:36PM.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Proffitt; Aldermen, Hensel, DeSerto, Mortensen, Damisch, Mobley, Keenum and Miller. Also present was City Attorney David McArdle, City Administrator Derik Morefield and Director of HR/Finance Megan Lopez.

ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

Property Acquisition, MCDOT & IDOT reached back out about another potential site for the rail stop located at Sponable and Ford Street. The city has stated they were not interested at the location suggested prior on Taylor Street.

The Public Works Director position has been posted across several recruitment platforms to attract qualified candidates. Staff will continue to monitor applications and proceed with the hiring process as viable candidates are identified.

As an alternative or interim solution, staff have discussed the option of engaging MGT Consulting to provide a qualified professional to fill the role on a temporary or extended basis. This approach could help ensure continuity of operations, maintain oversight of ongoing projects, and provide leadership support to Public Works staff while the city conducts a thorough search for a permanent replacement.

Utilizing MGT could also offer the benefit of bringing in experienced personnel with municipal expertise, particularly in areas such as project management, budgeting, and compliance, helping to stabilize department operations during the transition period.

City Administrator Derik Morefield's current one-year employment agreement is set to expire in April. Mr. Morefield has expressed his willingness to extend his service to align with the term of Mayor Proffitt, which runs through 2029.

The City Council discussed this proposal and reached a consensus to extend Mr. Morefield's tenure subject to the appropriate contract terms and formal approval process.

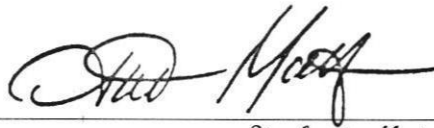
MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Alderman DeSerto made a motion at 8:13PM, seconded by Alderman Mobley, to adjourn the Executive Session.

The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Miller, Damisch, Keenum, Hensel, Mortensen, Mobley and DeSerto

Nay:0
Absent: Weiss
The motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steph Matysiewski', written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie Matysiewski
City Clerk