

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois  
held on the 6th day of January, A.D. 2009***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Pastor Lester Brown, Good Samaritan Ministry of Joliet, 500 Millboro Place, Joliet, Illinois

Pastor Brown then led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILWOMAN SUSIE A. BARBER, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER THOMAS A. THANAS and CORPORATION COUNSEL JEFFREY S. PLYMAN.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY and INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said they have a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Director of Human Resources Mike Suppan will send out an e-mail to the Committee members confirming the date. He said there are several items on the agenda and more are welcome should anyone have anything.

**B. FINANCE**

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said the next regular Finance Committee meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers.

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C. LAND USE

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they have some items that will be brought to an agenda shortly.

D. PUBLIC SERVICE

COUNCILMAN TURK stated the Public Service Committee agenda items were handled at yesterday's Pre-Council Meeting.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Award of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting  
(Council Memo #1-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Certificate of Achievement awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association to the City of Joliet for the ninth consecutive year be received and placed on file.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE congratulated the Director of Management and Budget and staff on a job well done.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC presented the Certificate of Achievement to Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich. He said as Chairman of the Finance Committee and on behalf of the Mayor and City Council it has been a tremendous experience working with our new City Manager Tom Thanas, Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich and Finance Director Hugh Brennan, and he stated they are doing a great job for the City.

Mr. Mihelich thanked the Mayor and Council and especially Finance Committee members Uremovic, Turk and Brophy for all of their assistance throughout the year. He thanked retired Director of Management and Budget Bob Fraser and Finance Director Rich Yucius who handed over the reigns and started the tradition of getting this award and said they were very instrumental in getting this award. He thanked the staff who all do a wonderful job as well as many other people including auditor Ed Marso of Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road (#A-98-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #4-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road (#A-98-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #4-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road to B-3 Zoning (#A-98-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #4-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on March 3, 2009.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said items be tabled to the March 3, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMAN BROPHY and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if there is anything we can do to help them or do they have their own issues.

The Corporation Counsel stated this is the annexation of property for the future construction of a BP gas station. He said BP is not going to operate it, it's going to be a franchise facility and they're trying to coordinate a closing with the buyers along with the annexation and we have delays on the closing side. He said everything is set to go except the closing.

B. Public Hearing re: Amending the Annexation Agreement for Drauden Pointe Center Subdivision (Southwest Corner of Drauden and Caton Farm Road)

1. A RESOLUTION Amending the Annexation Agreement for Drauden Pointe Center Subdivision (Southwest Corner of Drauden and Caton Farm Road) to Allow a 4 a.m. Opening Time for a Proposed Dunkin Donuts on Lot 6 as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-13-08/Dist. #1)  
(Council Memo #5-09)

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The City Clerk noted that this is a public hearing so any comments would be in order at this time.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if there were any comments, and being none, he closed the public hearing.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,  
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN  
BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he assumes everything has been worked out.

The Corporation Counsel said there were discussions today with the petitioner's attorney Mike Hansen and with representatives of Brookside Subdivision and all concerns have been resolved. He said there will be further work done by the developers on berming which was a concern for the homeowners.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if everything has been worked out because she didn't hear anything from the homeowners today that it had been resolved.

The Corporation Counsel said there were actual discussions with the homeowners and Mr. Hansen and we revised the annexation agreement to obligate the Schelling Development Group to extend the berm as requested by the Brookside Subdivision. He said the City also added a provision that would require the submittal of a Letter of Credit specifically for the berming improvements and all of that information was provided to Mr. Phil Vacco in particular who was concerned about the berm and it was accepted. He said in fact Mr. Vacco is an attorney and actually participated in the drafting of the language.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked when the berm will go in.

The Corporation Counsel said the agreement will provide for it to be completed within six months of approval by the City Council which will be some point in early summer.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if that was in the agreement that they have in front of them.

The Corporation Counsel said the draft in front of the Council was a draft that was circulated yesterday and the new language was just finalized today but it does contain the 4:00 a.m. language request by Dunkin Donuts. He said it is just for that one specific piece of property. He said the 6:00 a.m. time will remain in place for the balance of the site and the additional language on the Letter of Credit and on the extension of the berm was new and there wasn't time to get that to the Council before today's meeting.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN thanked Mr. Hansen for working this out as he promised. She said perhaps she just didn't get a message today from the homeowners and she voted aye.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Corporation Counsel to forward the new language to them later and he voted aye.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6228)

C. Public Hearing re: Addition of Territory to the 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 1 – Harwood/Scribner/Sterling Sanitary Sewer Improvements

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Addition of Territory to the 2008 Special Service Area No. 1 – Harwood/Scribner/Sterling Sanitary Sewer Improvements was presented and read.

(Council Memo #6-09)

The City Clerk noted that this is a public hearing so any comments would be in order at this time.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if there were any comments, and being none, he closed the public hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16413)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – November 29 – December 12, 2008 - \$3,099,668.81  
(Council Memo #8-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period November 29, 2008 through December 12, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period November 21, 2008 through December 4, 2008 including a 2008 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

(None)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Recognizing the Neighborhood Watch Group of the Sable Ridge Subdivision was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #12-09)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6229)

2. A RESOLUTION Adopting and Authorizing the Execution of the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit Agreement for 2009 was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #13-09)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6230)

3. A RESOLUTION Supporting a Multi-Agency Plan for Heritage Park, Volume 2 was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #14-09)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for a brief synopsis of this multi-agency plan.

The City Manager said this is a follow-up to something we did in the early 1990's by preparing a plan for Heritage Park which is part of the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor that was approved by the U.S. Congress in 1984. He said a lot of times we forget all of the assets we have in our community and this highlights the assets that comprise the I & M Canal Heritage Corridor.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said this is a cooperative effort like it was in the past between a lot of Federal, State, County and City agencies. He said it involves the trail that comes out of Lockport and takes in the old Collins Street Prison property as well as the bike trail at the old historic ruins that the Forest Preserve operates that comes through Joliet and goes through

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Rockdale and beyond. He said this would be to keep focus on it to try to acquire funding and try to do a unified program to promote it. He said this is just a new thing to get behind it and support it and see if there are any opportunities for future expansion.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6231)

**BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Award of Contracts and Change Orders and Payments:**

1. Authorization to Purchase a Maintenance Agreement for Engineering Software for the Public Works Department - 2009  
(Council Memo #17-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award a one year maintenance agreement to Eagle Point Software in the amount of \$8,910.00.

2. Approve Payment of the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit Vehicle Leases for 2009  
(Council Memo #21-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$27,000.00 to H & J Truck Leasing for the second year of the three year lease agreement.

3. Approve Change Order No. 5 and Payment Estimate No. 5 and Final for the Willow Avenue (Morgan – I-80) Roadway Project – 2007 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #22-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$5,310.69 and Payment Estimate No. 5 and Final in the amount of \$28,149.72 on behalf of Len Cox and Sons.

4. Approve Payment Estimate No. 9 and Final for the Barber Court/Barber Lane/Campbell Street Roadway Improvements Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #23-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Estimate No. 9 and Final in the amount of \$7,283.78 on behalf of Construction by Camco.

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5. Approve Payments for the 2008 Biosolids Contract  
(Council Memo #24-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve Payment No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$206,504.91 on behalf of Stewart Spreading, Inc.; and 2) Approve Payment Estimate No. 8 in the amount of \$11,420.00 on behalf of Land Treatment Alternatives.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

- A. Application for a Drive-Thru Permit for a Dunkin Donuts at Drauden Pointe Center Subdivision (Southwest Corner of Drauden and Caton Farm Road)  
(Council Memo #28-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the application for construction of a drive-thru facility for the Dunkin Donuts located at Drauden Pointe Center Subdivision (Southwest Corner of Drauden and Caton Farm Road).

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMAN BROPHY and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Schultz - Appointments

MAYOR SCHULTZ placed in nomination the appointment of Mr. Jean Kenol to replace Mr. Charles Jones on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

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COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that the appointment of Jean Kenol to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners be confirmed.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

Mr. Kenol thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment and said he hopes to do a good job and he appreciates the consideration.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated on Industrial Drive west of the airport there were some roofs that collapsed and the walls are now buckling. He asked if he could get a write up of exactly what happened. He said he doesn't know if design standards were properly met and he asked if we are exposed from a litigation standpoint in the future.

The City Manager said there was a roof collapse that occurred when we had the bad stretch of weather over the holidays. He said Director of Inspections Dave Mackley has been involved in it from the moment that it happened trying to work with the owners. He said it's actually a condo style building so there are multiple owners in there. He said the Director of Inspections has all of the records and is preparing a report for us. He said he has a good handle on what happened and we'll get that to the Mayor and City Council. He said as far as exposure from a liability perspective, he doesn't think we have exposure on this one. He said it is a big inconvenience for the owners of the condos. He said they are commercial condos, not residential, and we're working with them to try to get their building repaired as quickly as possible.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA thanked the Public Works Department for the work they've done, they got beat up real bad these last few weeks, the weather was horrible. He said we had some calls on cul-de-sacs and some things of that nature but he thinks they responded well. He said end loaders and back ups and all of that kind of thing worked well. He said he heard a few comments and we responded to them but he wanted to thank the Public Works Department for the kind of effort they put out. He also thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for their work.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked about the Route 59 widening project and said he's getting e-mails saying they're taking signage out at Vermette and Route 59 with the widening at Caton Ridge and he asked if anyone was aware of that.

Director of Public Works Jim Trizna said as far as he knows IDOT is not taking out any of that signage, that's going to remain, but we will confirm it with IDOT officials. He said he knows IDOT's planning on doing the majority of the roadwork during the 2009 construction season and what they don't get done in 2009 they plan on finishing in 2010.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if they are going to leave the monuments alone.

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Mr. Trizna said that's what we believed was going to happen. He said if they were going to move them they should have paid to have them moved but we'll confirm that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said along the same lines she also had some requests from the Clublands when we had met with them last summer that their entrance signs have still not been taken care of and they have asked us to take a look into that for them.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she had some constituent concerns about parking for Union Station. She said they have to park next to an empty building at night and some ladies as well as some gentlemen are concerned about it because they don't see enough security. She asked if that is Metra or the City's responsibility.

The City Manager said he just had that conversation with Police Chief Fred Hayes and Councilman Brophy about 20 minutes ago. He said he doesn't know if the same constituent contacted both Council members but it's something that Chief Hayes is addressing with his team and he thinks everyone will see a much higher profile as far as security at Union Station. He said we still need to work some issues out with that particular parking lot. He said it is an issue and we really want to make sure that we promote Union Station as much as we possibly can that it's the safe, easy way to get into downtown Chicago and points in between. He said we'll probably work on this for a few weeks and then give the Council a report as far as what kind of new security measures have been taken.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN thanked him and then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said it occurred to him with the Inauguration coming up fairly quickly that it may be a good idea to send a simple resolution of congratulations to President Elect Barack Obama that might arrive on or around January 20<sup>th</sup>. He said he doesn't know if we can write something like that here from the podium without any preparation but he thinks we ought to send it as one of the cities in his home state. He said we should offer any assistance we can from this point of view especially with the capital project that might be coming up. He said if that's in order or we can pen something similar that we could all agree on maybe the Corporation Counsel could write something up and we could sign our names to it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said as long as we're going to do that he thinks we ought to send President George Bush a thank you. He said he agrees with what Councilman Brophy is talking about that we ought to get on the good side of the President, but he thinks we ought to thank the guy who did it with no help by sending him a letter also.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the Council adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK,  
UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY,  
DORRIS, GIARRANTE and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

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ARTHUR SCHULTZ  
Mayor

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JANET K. TRAVEN  
City Clerk

Recorded on Tape