

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 21st day of November, A.D. 2006***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at Plainfield South High School, 7800 W. Caton Farm Road, Plainfield, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Father Dennis Lewandowski, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2500 Arbeiter Road, Plainfield, Illinois.

Father Lewandowski then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR PRO-TEM THOMAS C. GIARRANTE and DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMAN ALEX LEDESMA.

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JOHN M. MEZERA and CORPORATION COUNSEL JEFFREY S. PLYMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC reported the Finance Committee met yesterday and reviewed the usual items on the agenda, including a request from Joliet Firefighters Locals 44 and 2369 for \$5,000 to match their donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association which was raised during their annual "Fill the Boot" drive on August 19th and 20th.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that a \$5,000 matching donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association from the General Corporate Contingency Fund be approved.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN DORRIS, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR
PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated they also reviewed the bidding process for the purchase of electricity which was unanimously recommended by the Committee.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Neighborhood Improvement Program Report dated November 9, 2006 was reviewed and placed on file and the Cash Flow was also reviewed and accepted. He said the Personnel Summary, October Conference, Travel and Seminar Expense Report, Treasurer's Disbursements and the October Regular Claims were also examined.

B. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Land Use Committee is going to schedule a meeting for next week.

C. Public Service

COUNCILMAN TURK said the Committee met this morning and reviewed the contracts, change orders, pay estimates and final payments and found them all to be in order and recommended them for approval.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Treasurer's Report – September, 2006

It was recommended that the report be received and placed on file.

B. Position Vacancies
(Council Memo #1289-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill a Management Assistant position, a Clerk Typist position in the Management and Budget Department and any subsequent vacancies directly related to these positions.

C. Christmas Greeting to Parking Meter Violators
(Council Memo #1290-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council continue the customary Christmas greeting of giving a holiday greeting message instead of a ticket for the first parking meter violation in the downtown area from December 1 thru December 24, 2006.

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

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE. (COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN abstained from voting on any items dealing with Silver Cross Hospital)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Extension of the Joliet City Center Special Service Area

1. Ordinance re: Approving the Extension of the Joliet City Center Special Service Area
(Council Memo #1292-06)

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

The City Manager stated because the public notice for this item had been done prior to the change of venue for this meeting, it listed City Hall as the place of the meeting. He said the Corporation Counsel has advised us that if we would like to take comments tonight that would be fine, but then we would need to recess the hearing and take final action at the next City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA arrived at the meeting at this point.

Mr. Tom Mahalik of the Joliet City Center Partnership stated they are the organization that is authorized to spend the tax money that is raised through this Special Service Area and he would like to briefly comment on what they've been doing with the money over the last 10 years. He said prior to this we had quite a few abandoned buildings, underutilized buildings and buildings that were in the process of being lost to the community. He said they really had no money to be able to market downtown. He said since this tax was implemented, within the last 10 years there has been about \$300 million invested in the downtown. He said this includes Harrah's Casino and Hotel property, Silver Cross Field, the Joliet Area Historical Museum and a lot of private investment including the old Kline's Building and the Louis Joliet Hotel. He said the latest addition to downtown was the groundbreaking of Senior Suites in the former YMCA building. He said they have done radio advertising, newspaper advertising and they have been on cable TV. He said they have also developed a website.

Mr. Reed Mott stated he is the owner of 456-458 N. Chicago Street. He said he has seen the good times and the bad times downtown. He said 10 years ago we had the Car Show, Waterway Daze, the Concerts on the Hill and the Festival of the Gnomes, all at Bicentennial Park. He said in 2006 we will have had 17 events taking place in downtown Joliet including the Christmas Parade this Friday. He said these events would not have taken place without this tax assessment. He said he hopes the City will grant this tax assessment again for 10 more years.

Mr. James V. Smith said he owns and operates a commercial real estate appraisal firm at 305 N. Ottawa Street. He said there is absolutely no downside to the renewal of this Special Service Area. He said typical commercial properties have doubled and tripled in the past 10 years due in large part to

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Special Service Area funding and the City's initiative. He said he shudders to think where we might be had we not enacted this in 1996. He said it is a very beneficial program and he urges the Council to pass it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA commented on the figures prior to the Special Service Area and after its enactment. He stated the Special Service Area has proven itself to be a very great success.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA asked what happened to the condominium units on Chicago Street. He said they were discussed some time ago and he asked if they will benefit from this program.

The City Manager said the project at the corner of Clinton and Chicago Street is still going ahead. He said the developer is going a little slowly because he is using his own resources as opposed to borrowing money from the bank. He said he has a large loan from the bank but he would like to use his own resources for a while yet so he doesn't get himself overextended. He said the condominiums are coming along really nice. He said they have one model and they are taking reservations on the remainder of them. He said probably during 2007 there will be some major work done and quite a few of the units should be completed. He said he has benefited from the offerings of the City Center Partnership that handles the proceeds from the Special Service Area. He said in the future he will still continue to benefit from the marketing and other things even after his benefit for infrastructure has been completed.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA stated the building across from First Midwest Bank on Chicago Street could use a little face lift and painting.

The City Manager said that is the old White Store. He said we can do that through our facade program. He said the City is still working with them in an effort to try to get a project going in that building. He said they are still using that building as a furniture repair shop and for storage upstairs. He said once they're done with that they have indicated that they will let us know because we'd like to assist them with the sale of the building and rehab.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved to recess the public hearing to the December 5th City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive, Annexation of 10.18 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road and Annexation of 10.44 Acres at 1506 Rickey Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive (#A-63-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)

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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive (#A-63-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive to R-1B Zoning (#A-63-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
4. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 10.179 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road (#A-64-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
5. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 10.18 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road (#A-64-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
6. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 10.18 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road to R-1B Zoning (#A-64-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
7. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 10.44 Acres at 1506 Rickey Drive (#A-68-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
8. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 10.44 Acres at 1506 Rickey Drive (#A-68-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
9. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 10.44 Acres at 1506 Rickey Drive to R-2 Zoning (#A-68-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)
10. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary Plat of Tallgrass Point Subdivision (#P-30-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1293-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting of December 19, 2006 to provide additional time to complete the details of the annexation and subdivision.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said items be tabled to the December 19, 2006 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

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C. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 414 Timberline Drive

1. A RESOLUTION Approving the Annexation Agreement for 414 Timberline Drive as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-69-06/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1294-06)
(RESOLUTION NO. 5851)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 414 Timberline Drive as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-69-06/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1294-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15712)
3. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 414 Timberline Drive to R-1 Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-69-06/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1294-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15713)

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

MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE asked if there were any comments, and being none, he closed the public hearing.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Resolution and Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA,
COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and
MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Treasurer's Disbursements – October, 2006 - \$33,496,584.78

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the report be received and placed on file.

B. Regular Claims – October, 2006 - \$4,311,068.20

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the report be received and placed on file.

C. Regular Payroll – October 21 – November 3, 2006 - \$2,778,116.04
(Council Memo #1295-06)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period October 21, 2006 through November 3, 2006 and additions to regular salaries for the period October 13, 2006 through October 26, 2006 including a 2006 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and

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Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

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, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE. (COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN abstained from voting on any items dealing with Silver Cross Hospital)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Preliminary, Final and Recording Plats

- a. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Hooters Joliet Subdivision (#P-12/06/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #1296-06)

The City Clerk noted that this item was approved at the Pre-Council Meeting yesterday.

- b. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Joliet Crossings Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#P-24-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1297-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15714)
- c. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of Joliet Crossings Subdivision as recommended by the Administration subject to the receipt within 60 days of the following fees and documentation was presented and read: a) A Letter of Credit or Performance Bond for public improvements in the amount of \$1,227,149.00; b) A 1 ¼% Inspection Fee for public improvements in the amount of \$20,881.00; c) An Irrevocable Offer of Dedication for public improvements; and d) Payment of the Racetrack Recapture Agreements in the amount of \$42,902.25.
(#RP-25-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1297-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15715)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinances be adopted as recommended.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR
PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

- d. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Plat of The Reserve at Cedar Creek Subdivision Unit 2 as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#FP-18-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1298-06)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS and
MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15716)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Vacation of a Portion of the North/South Alley East of 1020 Oneida Street (#V-14-06/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #1299-06)
3. Ordinance re: Approving a Variation of Use to Allow an Existing Two-Unit in an R-2 District Located at 807 Elizabeth Street (#2006-112/Dist. #4)
(Council Memo #1300-06)

The City Clerk noted that these two items were approved at the Pre-Council Meeting yesterday.

4. AN ORDINANCE Repealing a Variation of Use to Allow the Conversion of an Existing Four-Unit Residence into a Three-Unit Residence in an R-3 District Located at 212 S. Eastern Avenue was presented and read. (#2000-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1301-06)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK,
UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA and MAYOR PRO-TEM
GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15717)

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5. AN ORDINANCE Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Landscape and Screening Regulations was presented and read. (#ZO-4-06)
(Council Memo #1302-06)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for an explanation.

The City Manager stated the Council has in the past approved several ordinances that relate to landscaping in the City, and this particular ordinance makes certain amendments including spacing provisions for parkway trees in regards to their proximity to traffic controllers, streetlights and other utilities. He said it also expands the perimeter landscaping areas and plant material for non-residential uses, multi-family buffers when adjacent to single family uses, off-street parking area requirements, detention and retention pond landscaping, residential buffers on major, minor and main collectors and screening for outdoor storage areas for non-residential users. He said it also provides a list of the deciduous trees that are acceptable for planting on the City streets.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if this pertains to residential.

The City Manager said yes.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what we do with vacant lots that have already been built out.

The City Manager said they should fulfill all the requirements that we normally require. He said if we are requiring street improvements in front of the lot then they would have to put in at least one parkway tree. He said if for some reason the improvements are not being requested then they would not have to put a tree in the parkway.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if someone wants to build a house on an in-fill site and the street is bad in front of it, do we require them to upgrade the street or do we do that ourselves.

The City Manager said sometimes if we have a pending Neighborhood Improvement Program project they would be included in the project. He said if there is no pending project we would normally not do the curb and gutter in front of the home, but we would require them to participate if at some point in the future we get a project there going. He also said if there is no curb and gutter than we would not require a parkway tree because it would probably get knocked over.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked with regard to a commercial strip center, do we require those people to pay for the road along their entire property line.

The City Manager said yes we do. He said they pay for the road, the storm sewer, streetlights, and traffic signals if they're on a corner, the street trees and all of those things, and we do collect it from everyone.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15718)

6. AN ORDINANCE Approving an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Cooperative Planning and Boundary Agreement Between the City of Joliet and the Village of Manhattan was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1303-06)

(ORDINANCE NO. 15719)

7. AN ORDINANCE Approving an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Cooperative Planning and Boundary Agreement Between the City of Joliet and the Village of New Lenox was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1304-06)

(ORDINANCE NO 15720)

The City Manager said there was a request yesterday for us to review the map again to see whether the extension of the boundary line south of Spangler Road was necessary. He said the Corporation Counsel reviewed his notes from conversations with the other communities and we have a boundary agreement with Elwood that stops at Spangler Road, so we are prohibited from going south. He said all of the municipalities wanted to have agreements with each other that didn't require a dependency on some other community's boundary agreement. He said now Manhattan, Elwood, Joliet, New Lenox and Lockport all have agreements that make sense with each other and they are also free-standing between each of the municipalities. He said so it does make sense for us to leave that line extended to the south.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if Spangler Road is in line with Noel Road.

The City Manager said yes. He said Spangler Road lines up with Noel Road and our boundary agreement jogs up a little bit toward Breen Road in one area, but the majority of it is Noel Road and Spangler Road.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

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B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Adopting and Authorizing the Execution of the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit Agreement for 2007 was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1309-06)

MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE asked for a brief explanation.

The City Manager stated the City has received a grant through a multi-jurisdictional agency in the amount of \$776,000, \$550,000 of which gets distributed to the other units and \$172,000 is distributed to the City of Joliet to cover the costs of its two police officers that participate in the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit. He said this unit is very successful. He said in 1991 there were 1,134 thefts or attempts of thefts and that has been reduced consistently every year so that in 2005 there were only 267 instances. He said it's down about a third of what it used to be and at a time when the City has almost doubled its population. He said it is a great effort and they certainly recommend continuing it.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5852)

2. A RESOLUTION Approving the 2007 Action Plan (Annual Update of the Consolidated Plan) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1310-06)

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated the work that the Will County Continuum of Care does as a unit to produce the services that go on and the administrative things that happen on our end to qualify for these funds is fantastic. He said there are a lot of folks who do a lot of work behind the scenes that make us look good when it comes time to procuring funds from Washington, D.C.m and he said he appreciates that.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5853)

3. A RESOLUTION Recognizing the Theodore Crossing Neighborhood Watch Group was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1311-06)

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR
PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5854)

4. A RESOLUTION Approving a Local Share Agreement Between the City of Joliet and PACE for Handicapped and Elderly Paratransit Services – 2007 was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1312-06)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS and
MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for an explanation.

The City Manager said since 1991 the City has been participating with a group of entities that provide handicapped and elderly paratransit Dial-a-Ride bus service provided by PACE. He said the total cost of the service is about \$435,000 and a portion of this has to be shared by the various agencies. He said the City's share is about \$112,000. He said there is also a state grant that is used and it's applied against the amount that's due from the City of Joliet and the other townships. He said it is a great, wide-spread program all throughout Will County and it is handled by our Deputy City Manager.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked how it actually functions and how the citizens can access it.

The Deputy City Manager said there is a phone number that you call if, for example, you need to go to the doctor's office on Thursday morning three weeks from now. He said you call them up and they schedule you for that day and time and they pick you up at your house. He said the fee is \$.75 anywhere within a township and if you cross township borders there is an additional charge of no more than \$2.00 to go anywhere within our entire service area. He said the service is very much in demand.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5855)

5. A RESOLUTION Honorarily Designating a Portion of Van Buren Street, Between Collins and Herkimer Street, as "Steelman Way" was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1313-06)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS presented the honorary street sign designating a portion of Van Buren Street as "Steelman Way" to former Joliet Central High School Principal Craig Spiers and current Principal John Randich.

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Mr. Spiers and Principal Randich thanked the Mayor and Council for this designation.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5856)

6. A RESOLUTION Declaring Certain City of Joliet Property as Surplus was presented and read. (1994 Chevrolet Caprice Squad Car)
(Council Memo #1314-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice be declared surplus and that the vehicle be donated to the University of St. Francis.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5857)

7. A RESOLUTION Approving a Housing Assistance Program Contract for Evergreen Terrace II was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1315-06)

The City Manager stated there are several issues that are taking place right now between the City of Joliet and Evergreen Terrace and its owners and HUD, most of them being lawsuits. He said the Housing Assistance Program is an inspection program that supercedes everything that's going on whether that project in the future is owned by Burnham Development or whether it's owned by the City of Joliet or by HUD. He said it needs to be inspected and somebody needs to pass through the funding so the heat and lights can remain on and security can be provided. He said it is in the best interest of the City to continue this contract that allows us to be the administrator for funneling the resources into the various buildings and to do the inspections. He said we are recommending that the City enter into this contract. He said the fee that the City receives for its services annually is about \$59,300.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR
PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5858)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for the 5208-5210 Pine Trails Circle Rear
Yard Drainage Improvements Project - 2006
(Council Memo #1318-06)

A report on three proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Construction by Camco, Inc. in the amount of \$21,445.00.

2. Award of Contract for the Installation of a Concrete Slurry Mix
at Lime and Vista Lane
(Council Memo #1319-06)

A report on three proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Austin Tyler Construction, LLC in the amount of \$9,140.00.

3. Authorization for Purchase of Equipment for Joliet Volunteer
Television (JTV)
(Council Memo #1320-06)

A report on three quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of four Sony HDV Video Recorders from Roscor in the amount of \$8,279.00.

4. Award of Contract for the Rental of Portable Toilets for Special
Events - 2007-2009
(Council Memo #1321-06)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Drop Zone Portable Service at a cost of \$17,400.00 per year for three years for a total cost of \$52,200.00.

5. Authorization to Purchase Data Safe
(Council Memo #1322-06)

A report on seven quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of a FireKing Model DM4420-3 from Safety File, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$5,323.15.

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6. Authorization to Purchase Electricity
(Council Memo #1323-06)

A report on seven bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award this contract to MidAmerican Energy Company at a fixed price cost of \$0.0591/kWh for the period December 2006 through May 2008.

The City Manager said Commonwealth Edison is going to be receiving a rather large increase in its rates that is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2007. He said those rates will depend on the category of service that you receive, whether it's standard lighting or pumping for water for sewage treatment plants. He said the rates are going to go up anywhere from 14% to 60%. He said for the City of Joliet, that represents a rather large increase which ComEd estimated originally to be about \$2.1 million. He said we hired a consultant and they originally estimated the increase to be about \$1.4 million, and so it was advantageous for the City to solicit proposals for an alternate service provider. He said we would have energy that would still flow through the lines that are owned by Commonwealth, Edison but the electricity would actually be provided by a third party.

Accounting Manager Ken Mihelich said there were 15 different companies that we originally solicited and from that there was a pool of 7 that provided a technical analysis to make sure that they met the City's guidelines for submitting a price. He said that allowed us to use the competition to essentially shave the \$1.4 million increase down to an estimated cost of about \$700,000 for a savings of about \$755,000 to the City of Joliet for pumping and other water accounts.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked how we are planning to pay for that \$1.4 million.

The City Manager said the increase will be about \$700,000, not \$1.4 million. He said we have more than the \$700,000 set aside in the 2007 budget.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the potential increase is over \$2 million.

The City Manager said the potential increase that was originally estimated for us by ComEd was \$2.1 million, and our consultant looked at it and he felt that ComEd had kind of inflated those numbers a little bit and his estimate was \$1.4 million. He said the bid that came in from MidAmerican Energy Co. is about \$700,000 higher than what we paid last year. He said so it is an increase of \$700,000, but had we not done this, the increase would have been somewhere between \$1.4 million and \$2.1 million. He said ComEd tried to provide general numbers to cities without reviewing the actual accounts. He said our consultant worked with ComEd and pulled up every account that the City has, which is about 7,600. He said this covers all of our accounts except for streetlighting. He said they treat every one of these as a separate account so we did not bid that portion of it because none of these companies would want to deal with 7,600 accounts.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what our ComEd bill runs for a year.

Mr. Mihelich said last year it was roughly \$5 million.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY commended Mr. Mihelich for his work on this and asked if the action taken by the State, City of Joliet and the different villages and cities is going to have any effect on the end rate that ComEd will pass on to the consumers who don't have the opportunities that we do.

Mr. Mihelich said no it shouldn't at all because what ComEd did is they basically had an auction and went out and purchased the rights for electricity over the next 17 months and that's in a different rate class. He said part of the problem that we had with our very large accounts was that they were going to put us on hourly pricing which means that it could fluctuate all over the place.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said then doing this is not hurting the resident customers.

Mr. Mihelich said no, not at all. He said it is probably indirectly benefiting them because they pay taxes that pay our bills.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if the bundled rate from ComEd of \$5.2 million would be with the auction that they did.

Mr. Mihelich said the \$5.2 million was basically an estimate of what we would have had to pay if we had stayed with ComEd.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if for some reason the State legislature does freeze the rates on commercial, what happens.

Mr. Mihelich said it isn't likely but if the State were to do that it would seem that they would go back to the previous rates.

7. Authorization to Enter Into a Maintenance Agreement for
Livescan Equipment
(Council Memo #1324-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to enter into a service agreement with ID Networks Identification Technologies for the period November 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007 in the amount of \$13,600.00.

8. Authorization for Payment to Illinois Criminal Justice
Information Authority
(Council Memo #1325-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and City Council authorize payment to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Police Information Management System (PIMS) for the first installment in the amount of \$8,328.00 and for the second installment upon receipt of the invoice in May, 2007.

9. Award of Contract for the 2006 Fall Cyclic Pruning Program
(Council Memo #1326-06)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Homer Tree Care Inc. in the amount of \$67,997.15.

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10. Authorization to Reimburse Metra for Security Cameras at South York Street Parking Project
(Council Memo #1327-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and City Council authorize payment to reimburse Metra or its contractor for Alternate No. 2 for the installation of security cameras and equipment in the amount of \$21,040.00 for Lot No. 2, South York Street Parking Project.

11. Award of Contract for Geotechnical Services for the CSO Elimination Program – Phase I
(Council Memo #1328-06 was never prepared)
12. Award of Contract for the Removal of Asbestos at 300 N. Broadway Street and 259 Western Avenue
(Council Memo #1329-06)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Ironwood Environmental in the amount of \$9,950.00.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA,
COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and
MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

B. Change Orders and Payouts:

1. Approve Change Order No. 5 and Payment Estimate No. 6 and Final for Well 25D Metering and Electrical Facility Project
(Council Memo #1333-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$3,838.50 and Payment Estimate No. 6 and Final in the amount of \$11,991.91 on behalf of Construction by Camco, Inc.

2. Approve Change Order No. 1 for Well 18D and Washington Street Water Treatment Plants Project
(Council Memo #1334-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$142,182.13 on behalf of Allan Mack and Sons, Inc.

3. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Request No. 1 and Final for the 6111 Carmel Drive Rear Yard Drainage Improvements – 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1335-06)

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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,128.95 and Payment Request No. 1 & Final in the amount of \$12,988.95 on behalf of Construction by Camco, Inc.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Request No. 2 and Final for the Removal and Replacement of Storm Detention Basin Storm Sewer at Caton Crossing Subdivision – 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1336-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,896.00 and Payment Request No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$39,825.63 on behalf of Construction by Camco, Inc.

5. Approve Payment Request No. 2 and Final for the River Road (Theodore Street – ½ Mile South) Roadway Improvements
(Council Memo #1337-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Request No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$31,481.97 on behalf of the Woodlands, Inc.

6. Approve Change Order No. 6 for the 2006 Plant Mix Contract
(Council Memo #1338-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$97,781.43 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

7. Approve Payment Estimate No. 1 and Final for the 919 N. Hickory Street Alley Drain Project
(Council Memo #1339-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Estimate No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$7,795.00 on behalf of J.S. Alberico Construction Co., Inc.

8. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 2 and Final for the Emery/Ferris/Ivy/Margaret/Morris Watermain Extension Project – 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1340-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, a deduction in the amount of \$36,894.00 and Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$30,535.15 on behalf of J.S. Alberico Construction Company.

9. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Pay Estimate No. 5 and Final for the Marquette/Terrace Roadway Improvements Project – 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1341-06)

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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3, a deduction in the amount of \$67,234.64 and Payment Estimate No. 5 and Final in the amount of \$6,408.39 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

10. Approve Change Order No. 4 and Pay Estimate No. 7 and Final for the Jones/Stratford Roadway Improvements Project – 2006 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1342-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 4, a deduction in the amount of \$10,692.81 and Payment Estimate No. 7 and Final in the amount of \$8,722.46 on behalf of Construction by Camco, Inc.

11. Approve Change Order No. 9 for the Fire Station Ten Project
(Council Memo #1343-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 9, a deduction in the amount of \$11,500.00 on behalf of R.L. Sohol Contractors.

12. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment for the 2006 Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Contract
(Council Memo #1344-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$11,748.00 and the payment of invoices in the amount of \$5,961.58 on behalf of Basic Chemical Solutions.

13. Approve Pay Estimate No. 6 and Final for the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump Station Mechanical Equipment Replacement Project
(Council Memo #1345-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 6 and Final in the amount of \$17,353.00 on behalf of Amber Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

14. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Estimate No. 7 and Final for the Gravel Well 102 Reconstruction Project
(Council Memo #1346-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$13,651.00 and Payment Estimate No. 7 and Final in the amount of \$39,335.92 on behalf of Layne Christensen Company.

15. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Estimate No. 6 and Final for the Well 23-D Construction, Pitless Adapter and Submersible Pump Project
(Council Memo #1347-06)

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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, a deduction in the amount of \$4,991.00 and Payment Estimate No. 6 and Final in the amount of \$24,726.10 on behalf of Layne Christensen Company.

16. Approve Electric Service Installation at the 11-D Water Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #1348-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve payment in the amount of \$7,938.99 to Commonwealth Edison.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE noted that Council Memo #1338-06 allocates \$14,500 to temporarily fix the tracks on Theodore Street west of Drauden. He said they are supposed to start this on Monday.

MAYOR

- A. Proclamation re: "Recognizing the Troy Middle School Cross Country Girls Team"

No one was present to accept the Proclamation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN TURK thanked the administration of the Plainfield School District and the staff of Plainfield South High School for hosting this meeting tonight.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA also thanked the school district and the people who attended this evening.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN also thanked the staff of the school and the people who attended and said hopefully we will have more meetings out here so people that live out here will know that we are a working City Council for them.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the Police Labor Council will be having a pancake breakfast on November 26th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cantigny Post VFW. She also reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade on Friday, November 24th and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA thanked the school for the use of the facility and said hopefully next time when we come back we will have a bigger crowd.

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COUNCILMAN LEDESMA also stated that the police will be having extra patrols over the holiday and he warned everyone to be careful and have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY thanked everyone who attended and said some of the Council will be around after the meeting if any one has any specific questions.

MAYOR PRO-TEM GIARRANTE echoed COUNCILMAN BROPHY'S remarks and said the lighting of the Christmas tree is at 5:15 p.m. and the parade starts at 5:30 p.m. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The City Clerk read a statement on behalf of MAYOR SCHULTZ wishing the members of the Council and their families, City employees and their families, and all the citizens of Joliet a very Happy Thanksgiving.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

A. Frank Pastorello re: Traffic Concerns in Autumn Lake South Subdivision

Mr. Pastorello did not attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the Council adjourn.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR
PRO-TEM GIARRANTE.

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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