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***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 1st day of February, A.D. 2010***

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR PRO-TEM SUSIE A. BARBER, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, 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: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS.

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

1. Proclamation re: Recognizing the Heroic Actions by Joliet Public Library Employees Timothy Bates and Thomas Corcoran

Police Chief Fred Hayes read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ recognizing Timothy Bates and Thomas Corcoran for their selfless and heroic efforts in providing assistance to Joliet Police Officers involved in a violent struggle within the Library on December 28, 2009.

Mr. Bates and Mr. Corcoran thanked the Council for their recognition.

Joliet Public Library Director John Spears noted that Library Board members Jim Sczepaniak and Nancy Henricksen were present in the audience. He thanked the Joliet Police Department for their quick response to this incident and said he is glad the Police Department and library staff were able to work together in this situation.

The City Manager then asked for the Mayor and Council's indulgence in moving several items up on the agenda due to the presence of interested individuals.

The City Manager explained Council Memo #89-10 Supporting the 2010 Census. He said every 10 years the federal government conducts a census and it is estimated by the Illinois Municipal League that Joliet's revenue share will be about \$126.00 per resident from various taxes. He introduced Mr. Andy Mihelich, coordinator for Joliet's Complete Count Committee.

Mr. Andy Mihelich stated the Census has two primary activities, one to determine Congressional seats, and the second to divide up \$400 billion in federal revenue. He said the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that each undercounted individual means a loss of \$1,200 per year to all of the entities that receive federal assistance, and according to the Bureau, Joliet was undercounted by more than 30% in 2000. He said he was asked by City staff to get involved with the 2010 Census and if the Spanish Community Center would help in the same way as they did in 2000. He said they have secured a grant from the Diocese of Joliet for \$10,000 and another grant from the Illinois Funders Census Initiative for \$25,000 to create awareness of the Census. He

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said it's very important that we get an accurate count. He then showed a short video on the importance of the Census.

Mr. Mihelich said they will be doing a number of activities and already have a number of groups and individuals that are working hard. He introduced Tina Harris from the U.S. Census Bureau and also John King and Bettye Gavin from Unity CDC who have been working without any type of financial assistance and should be recognized for all of their actions. He said representatives of the Joliet Public Library and Grade School District 86 are present today and he gave his appreciation to them all. He said he was just informed that First Midwest Bank will be donating \$2,000 to Census awareness activities and he thanked them also.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if someone can be counted if they are not a citizen.

Mr. Mihelich said yes, all individuals are counted whether they're a resident, legal or undocumented. He said all individuals need to be counted and that's the basis for which funding to all groups go. He said the larger the count the more money that the local municipalities will receive. He said all information is secure and safe and cannot be utilized by any other agency of government and is strictly used for the allocation of dollars, determination of need and Congressional districts.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if non-citizens are included in the count with respect to the number of Congressional representatives.

Mr. Mihelich said unless there is a change in Washington, all individuals would be counted as one individual in determining the Congressional seats and dollars allocated back to the community.

Will County Executive Larry Walsh said they want to expound on how important this is, it's money that's coming from the federal government and the people that work the hardest and get out and make sure they try to get as true of a count as they possibly can will be the recipients of the largest amounts of dollars. He said the most important thing is that every man, woman and child that lives and calls Joliet and Will County their home is counted. He said it's a short form and will take less than 10 minutes to fill out and it is very important.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if the forms will be mailed out.

Mr. Mihelich stated questionnaires will be mailed out to each household and if there is no response it will be mailed again, and if there is no response again an enumerator will be at the door.

Mr. Mihelich invited anyone who would like to be involved in the 2010 Census to Joliet's Complete Count Committee meeting next Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. He thanked the City Council for their support.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

2. A RESOLUTION Supporting the 2010 Census was presented and read.
(Council Memo #89-10)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6340)

3. Presentation by CenterPoint on Project Status

Attorney Mike Hansen, representing CenterPoint Properties, introduced Executive Vice President Neil Doyle and Project Manager Jeremy Grey and said they would address the Council with respect to the status of the project and the economic benefits and will be answering any questions anyone may have.

Mr. Neil Doyle stated it's been a little over a year since they were here last and they have been working very hard against strong head winds in this economy. He said to date since this project has been approved, they have moved forward and most of their work on the CenterPoint side of the coin is on the infrastructure side, mostly on the roads and a few bridges. He said they've spent a little over \$85 million since it was approved, and Union Pacific, which is part of their project but separate in that they're constructing their own facility, has spent about \$150 to \$160 million. He said he thinks when things do turn around in the next couple of years they'll be in a fine position.

Mr. Doyle started his PowerPoint presentation and explained the Chicago logistics hub and what this means to the area. He said 12% of the nation's manufacturing and industrial space is in this region and 60% of the nation's rail freight is here. He said this integrates all elements of the supply chain into one campus and captures all of the efficiencies that they can to lower their operating costs to attract as much business as they can to this area, and by attracting business, you're attracting taxes and jobs. He said Chicago has rail yards, industrial facilities, trailer yards and container yards but they don't have them in one location and that's what they've done here.

Mr. Doyle explained an aerial shot of the Elwood campus which includes 2,500 acres, 12 million sq. ft. of buildings and 10,000 people working there that weren't there in the year 2000 when they broke ground. He then explained the larger Joliet project which encompasses about 36 square miles and said they anticipate having 25,000 people employed at the end of the day and are estimating about \$3 billion being invested by the year 2020.

Mr. Doyle said not everybody loves a warehouse or a manufacturing facility and nobody likes trucks, but they're necessary and that's how they earn a living, and that's how food and products are delivered to store shelves. He said what the Council has done in sharing their vision is put them in one campus. He said today's presentation is just to remind the Council how important their decisions were. He then asked Jeremy Grey to give a little more detail on the project itself and where they're at. He said any time the Council would like them to come in and give an update, they are more than happy to and they always appreciate the opportunity.

Mr. Jeremy Grey said as far as infrastructure goes, overall they're going to be putting in \$180 million in new public infrastructure for this project. He said since July 2008 CenterPoint has spent \$80 million of private money to put in roads,

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utilities and earth work improvements. He said the overall roadway plan consists of 16 miles of roads that will be upgraded to a standard above and beyond a Class II truck route. He said to date they have the majority of Laraway Road between the Union Pacific Main and Patterson Road complete and the west leg of the road will be complete by summer. He said they also have Millsdale open to traffic between Brandon and Vetter Road and that's a four lane Class II truck route. He said they are currently on schedule to complete the main truck routes from the Intermodal exit to Arsenal Road by summer and that's the Patterson to Millsdale to Baseline to Arsenal route that was approved in the annexation hearings. He said once that's complete this summer, they will be able to terminate the use of the temporary construction route on Schweitzer and Patterson.

Mr. Grey said they have had to do a lot of protection on existing natural gas pipe lines. He said overall for the Phase I roads and rail there have been 60 pipe line crossings and that's all complete. He said they have a new deep well under construction and recently they did a flow test and City staff said based on drawn down and flow it's one of the best wells the City has seen in a long time, so they're excited about that and they'll be getting on their radium removal plant and well house shortly. He said there are two bridges that are part of their road program; Millsdale bridge east is complete and open to traffic and they recently received a request from the City of Joliet to analyze additional guard rail and they're taking a look at that currently. He said it is designed to IDOT standards but they are willing to work with residents and the City to make sure that it is safe. He said the second bridge, the Baseline Road bridge, is currently under construction now and that's on the army property and that will be complete by summer.

Mr. Grey said overall the master transportation plan will take trucks and put them towards Arsenal and I-55 and avoid sending trucks towards Rt. 53 per the request of the City. He said total job creations are approximately 5,900 union jobs, 1,300 intermodal permanent jobs, 4,500 industrial jobs and 3,100 trucking jobs. He said to date approximately 950 jobs have been created between Union Pacific and CenterPoint's construction. He explained several green initiatives that they are working on.

Mr. Grey said basically with all of these advantages with infrastructure and being so close to Class I railroads, it will attract top tier corporations to the City of Joliet. He said one train could take 300 long haul trucks off the highway. He said a development like this will spur future development such as retail, commercial, etc. and overall this project will connect the world to Will County's agricultural and manufacturing community. He said the yard is still on schedule to open this summer.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if they are going to meet with IDOT concerning that bridge.

Mr. Grey said the guard rail is designed to IDOT standards. He said they received a request from staff and are going to work with them to add additional guard rail.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said there are some neighbors here that live out there and they had concerns with that bridge and also some issues with the mud on the trucks. She asked him if he was aware of that issue as well.

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Mr. Grey said yes, the mud on the trucks is more toward the temporary construction truck route which is Schweitzer and Vetter. He said as far as that goes they have had a street sweeper out there 95 times over the 2009 construction season and are going to work on improving that to make sure that they do keep the roads clean. He said they also put down 500 tons of asphalt for patching and asphalt repair and will continue to do that as this temporary truck route is used until summer 2010.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said these neighbors were here at the last meeting and they had many, many issues. She asked if CenterPoint was able to sit down and talk with them about their issues yet.

Mr. Grey said he's hasn't talked with them personally about those issues.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said if CenterPoint could do that it would be greatly appreciated. She said there's going to be some inconvenience until the build out is finished, and she asked him to help the people out because it is quite a mess out there for those folks.

Mr. Grey said OK.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the well they put in is on line.

Mr. Grey said it's not on line now. He said they drilled well 29 and did the pump test and are constructing the radium removal plant and well house shortly. He said they just let the contract.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said that will all come on our system and he asked if the radium reduction is just for that site.

Mr. Grey said yes, the radium removal plant is a part of the well house.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked Director of Public Utilities Jim Eggen if the City can use that radium removal site for other wells that may be built on the site.

Mr. Eggen said no, that's designed specifically for the well at that location.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said there is no question there are going to be some inconveniences. He said any city or county would love to have this project and he thinks an important note is that the City is not contributing anything monetarily, they are doing this on their own and they did ask for help and the City refused so there are no abatements or anything like that involved, they are doing it all on their own. He said he can remember when they were doing the Chicagoland Speedway and he was appointed as liaison and they went out to meetings with the neighbors and the neighbors had some problems, but when they were done most people out there were pretty happy. He said a lot of people are making money off of it and he thinks the same holds true here, but while it's going on there are going to be some inconveniences. He said he's down there quite a bit and he sees potholes and he thinks they are on top of it, but maybe they need to step it up a little bit.

Mr. Grey said OK, understood.

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Mr. Willie Sellers of the Black Contractor's Association of Will County said there was a minority participation agreement in the CenterPoint package and he would like to know what the percentage of this \$160 million went to the minority community.

Mr. Doyle said when this project was approved there were no public funds available for this project but we did at the request of Council institute a loosely based enforcement of a program to focus on Joliet residents and minorities. He said he doesn't know of anyone else who has done this so they didn't have a model for it, but what they did was they sat down with the contractors in the union halls and with the various minority groups. He said to date the work has been pretty much on the heavy equipment operating side and on the trucking side, there's not too much in the way of vertical out there so there is no painting or electrical of significance. He said they did provide the Council with the numbers to date several times over the last year. He said on average on the heavy earth work/heavy equipment operating side, which is majority Local 150 operators, they averaged about 15% minority participation. He said he doesn't know the law inside out so he's not sure how that would exactly correlate to if it was a State of Illinois project or City of Joliet project, but for them they thought that was satisfactory and hope it remains so.

Mr. Doyle said on the trucking side they took a little bit different approach and through COUNCILMAN DORRIS they sat down and worked with a minority trucking company and have essentially established a truck broker. He said they are running all of the trucks through this company so on their dime for the trucking they are probably at 100% minority. He said the volume of trucking for them on the roads isn't as large as someone might imagine, it was much larger on the railroad side of the construction but the railroad is out of their control and out of everyone's control in what they do. He said they'll probably never hit 100% on the other trades but they will try and do the best they can. He said their commitment stands and they're satisfied and hope the Council is too.

Mr. Sellers said he would like to meet with Mr. Thanas and take a look at those numbers because a lot of the guys that were working at CenterPoint were also working at Austin Tyler with the Black Contractors Association and the numbers weren't anywhere close to what Mr. Doyle said they were. He said he would like to compare these numbers.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked how soon Patterson Road from Schweitzer to Millsdale is going to be done.

Mr. Grey said they plan on having that road completely done by mid-June.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if that will eliminate a lot of the truck traffic on Schweitzer to Vetter.

Mr. Grey said yes, that will eliminate the majority of the temporary construction truck traffic on Schweitzer to Vetter.

Ms. Mary Baskerville of the Will County Environmental Network stated they've advocated for the preservation of a historic woods in section 29 of Joliet Township for more than 25 years. She said they urge CenterPoint Properties to appropriately buffer these woods and ask that they consider the request of a growing coalition of area residents to preserve the area north of Brandon Road as green space. She said CenterPoint's scope and impact is undeniable with

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3,600 acres of development and a \$3 billion project. She said many residents affected by this development would enjoy the use of a sea of green and many envision walking trails through the woods, appropriate fields and community gardening. She said Mr. Doyle has been out to see the woods they are talking about and she would ask that they commit to preserving a sea of green as an appropriate contribution and mitigating step that will ensure the region's green sustainability.

Mr. Keith Landovitz of 23525 S. Vetter Road, Channahon Township, asked Mr. Doyle or Mr. Grey to comment on the protocol for notifying the public of imminent road closures. He said there have been a number of temporary changes in the road configurations and they would like to know how the public can be kept apprised of that.

The City Manager said maybe the City needs to get a little more involved with that and he asked Mr. Landovitz for an e-mail list of anybody on Vetter, Schweitzer and Patterson Roads who would like to know about road closures.

Mr. Landovitz said that's perfect and he'll work with the City on that. He said also he wants to remind everyone that some of them receive public safety services from the Elwood Fire Protection District and the Will County Sheriff's Police rather than from the City of Joliet and they should also be provided information on the road closures. He said regarding the truck traffic on Schweitzer and Vetter Roads, he asked Mr. Grey to elaborate on the comment that the majority of truck traffic would be removed once the Patterson route is available.

Mr. Grey said he guesses it's safe to say that all construction traffic would be removed once Patterson Road is available because it would become a different route using the newly constructed roads.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said once it is built out the trucks will be using that same road, they won't be going down Schweitzer and they would pretty much be using Patterson to Millsdale.

Mr. Grey said that's correct.

Mr. Landovitz asked them to elaborate a little bit on the pothole situation. He asked about the frequency of inspections and the criteria that determine when and under what conditions they do temporary remediation.

Mr. Grey said typically they have their general contractor or the Union Pacific contractor do weekly investigations of Schweitzer and Vetter or any roads that they are using for the temporary truck route. He said over the 2009 construction season they put down 505 tons of asphalt for pavement repair and patch and the street sweeper went out there 95 times, two of which were in January. He said they are committed to doing a better job to make sure they maintain that.

Mr. Landovitz said previously there was a distinction between contractors under the direct control of CenterPoint versus those under the control of the Union Pacific Railroad and given that distinction, he just wants to be sure in terms of the potholes and road repairs or any other general issues that they would like to address in as expedient and effective way as possible, does CenterPoint play the role of a general contractor with respect to handling those types of issues or as the public do they need to work independently with the Union Pacific.

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Mr. Doyle said CenterPoint will remain the coordinating group and residents should contact them. He said they appreciate everyone's patience and he said they will step it up a bit.

Ms. Patty Nugent stated her mother lives on Brandon Road and she's concerned about the deep well construction that has taken place and she would like to have a copy of the study of the draw down that this well is going to create and it's location.

The City Manager said Jim Eggen will get her that information.

Ms. Nugent said there was wetland mitigation and they never said where they were going to try to get this wetland mitigation and she would like to know where it is and why they're not doing mitigation at their actual site.

Mr. Doyle said they are doing this mitigation on federal land west of the BNSF main and south of Arsenal Road. He said for more details Eric Gilbert, who is more involved in the wetland mitigation, is available from his office to answer any questions.

Ms. Nugent said there is a well on Brandon Road and she believes it's slated to be closed, but prior to the closing of that well it is very important that some actual scientific studies are done on that particular well. She said it is a well that is considered a breathing well and is somehow pulling air from a source outside of the well itself. She said she has talked to many different geologists and they said this would really be a key point in studying to see why this particular well is breathing. She said she would request that CenterPoint either do the study or to allow other agencies to come in and study that particular well prior to having it sealed.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if they've done any of those studies yet.

Mr. Grey said they probably need some more time to look into it. He said typically they follow all of the requirements set forth by the Will County Health Department in abandoning a well. He said they're on schedule to abandon this particular well in approximately 30 days so if they could do some research in that time period that would be great.

Ms. Nugent said she would request that CenterPoint give their word today that at least it would be studied prior to be closed in the 30 days. She said it's really an important well to know what's happening in the area, considering it's a deep well.

Mr. Doyle said it's a liability to have an open well and Will County is not going to let them leave it open for 9 months. He said maybe something can be done if the consultants can get out there in 30 days.

Ms. Nugent said the people she was talking to were from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and they said that they would love to study it prior to it being sealed. She said she doesn't know who they would send.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she thinks his question was they have a time frame and could the people come and look at it within that time frame.

Ms. Nugent said she would call them tomorrow.

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Mr. Doyle said because it has some municipal angles to it he would suggest that they coordinate it through the City but they have no problem if someone would like to inspect the well in the next 30 days because it's unusual and special in its nature. He said that is not an issue for them but it is a liability and they do need to get it shut down in the near future and they don't want to delay. He said they would need certificates of insurance from the agency that is going to be working on the well so it's not a further liability.

The City Manager thanked Mr. Doyle and Mr. Grey for the update and the residents for their patience. He then thanked his staff and said while we do not have major financial investment in this we have thousands of hours of staff time invested in the project and we know it's worth it because it's a great project that other cities would love to have.

Mr. Doyle invited the Council to take a tour of what has been happening at CenterPoint once the weather breaks and he thanked everyone for their time.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if we could arrange some kind of a bus tour like we did last time, it was helpful.

The City Manager said yes, we'll probably schedule that for some time in March.

Ms. Judy Kreiser of 23656 Vetter Road commented on the use of the land and said she was upset with the hearing the township had on closing Millsdale Road. She said as far as the road work on Patterson, who's in charge of Schweitzer now.

The City Manager said that's under the City's jurisdiction now that we annexed that area and we will work with CenterPoint on patching it and until the final road is finished and completely reconstructed, we won't be assuming full jurisdiction over it.

Ms. Kreiser said so they have over a year that they have to put up with the potholes. She said the street sweeper was not down there 95 times. She said it's getting frustrating, there are 10 families that live out there.

Ms. Kathy Garthus commented on a new proposal at Schweitzer and Patterson that would put the road basically right at her front door step. She also commented about damages to their cars.

MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER said she thinks they need to get together with CenterPoint and talk about the things that need to be done and about the damages to their cars.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he read the letters that were written to CenterPoint and the response from Mike Hansen. He said he doesn't know if it's CenterPoint; if that mud was thrown up he thinks that's the trucking company's liability. He said CenterPoint hires the trucking company but they have insurance and if they threw something up and damaged a car he would assume they could go after them.

The City Manager said those are always fact specific and obviously there are different entities that could be liable for it but he thinks MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER'S suggestion is probably a good idea and he asked Mr. Hansen if they could meet with them.

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Mr. Hansen said they are going to meet with them and have met with them on numerous occasions and will continue to meet with them and do what they can. He said he thinks that's evident by CenterPoint's sending it's two top representatives down here today.

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #78-10 dealing with transferring funds in the amount of \$52,062 to the Joliet City Center Partnership LLC for the 2010 Match Funding Portion of the Illinois Bureau of Tourism Marketing Partnership Grant "I Played in Joliet...You Should Too!" He also explained Council Memo #79-10 dealing with transferring funds in the amount of \$30,000 to the Joliet City Center Partnership LLC for a 2010 Cooperative Comcast Cable Multi-Media purchase.

Mrs. Rebecca Barker of the Visitors Bureau introduced some of the people involved in the marketing campaign who were present including Tom Mahalik, Vice President of the City Center Partnership, Carol Hamilton, President of the Will County Lodging Association, Tony Contos and Leslie Bolin from the Joliet Area Historical Museum, Randall Green from Rialto Square Theatre and Jamie Toole and Kelly Sufka from the JackHammers.

The City Manager said he had asked the Visitors Bureau to give a return on investment presentation. He said he knows sometimes it's hard to justify spending dollars on trying to bring business to Joliet and he has asked them to quantify what kind of dollars we're spending and also quantify the return that we see along with our community partners that are seeing visitors from outside of Joliet and outside of Will County come to Joliet.

Director Ben Benson said in 2009 they had over \$200,000 in financial support and numerous in-kind donations for tourism projects last year. He said they received grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois Bureau of Tourism. He said they were able to place Joliet as a leader in travel expenditures in Illinois. He said they have 4,000 kids from the State Youth Bowling Association coming in this spring for 4 weekends and the IHSA and paintball championships for 2,500 people over Memorial Day weekend. He said the estimated economic impact for these events to the local economy in 2010 alone is over \$4 million. He said they are looking at bidding on the NCAA Division 3 Baseball Championships which generates about 15,000 people for a week and they are also looking at rebidding on the IHSA contracts again for 5 more years.

Mrs. Barker said in 2009 in partnership with the City Center Partnership and the Illinois Bureau of Tourism as well as community partners such as Harrah's Casino, Rialto Square Theatre, Empress Casino, Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet Park District, Joliet JackHammers and the Joliet Area Historical Museum, they were able to fund an almost \$150,000 marketing campaign publicizing the City of Joliet. She said the City of Joliet matched an Illinois Bureau of Tourism grant to the Joliet City Center Partnership at a 60/40 match. She showed the television commercial "I Played in Joliet...You Should Too" which aired over 24 weeks and said it was a huge part of the 2009 campaign. She said it also aired on WLIT radio from May through August 2009. She said the campaign also carried over into all the print mediums, both Midwest Living and pre-print newspaper inserts. She said their website also took on a new campaign look with the most up to date source of visitor information and it is the best way they can measure their campaign. She said it had a record 40% increase in unique visitors which are visitors that had never been there before that stayed for a designated period of time and clicked through to find out a little bit more on the

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ways to play in Joliet. She said literally the biggest thing in their campaign is the I-80 billboard. She said in 2009 they had over 10 million views of their Joliet commercial ad campaign.

Mrs. Barker said they received in partnership with the Joliet City Center Partnership an unprecedented 50/50 match grant from the Illinois Bureau of Tourism and they only match up to \$50,000 per grant. She said they also raised their community funding partners by 96% in sponsorship for the campaign and were able to add a \$124,000 Comcast buy to the campaign. She said the Comcast campaign is basically the same as 2009 in radio, print and television commercials with one exception and it's a little more extensive.

Mrs. Barker said they've also increased the number of partners in the campaign to include the Will County Lodging Association, the Forest Preserve District of Will County, the University of St. Francis, Bicentennial Park and Joliet Junior College. She said the 2010 ad will cover celebrity endorsements as well as visitors playing in Joliet. She said they are very pleased with the return on investment in a first year project and she hopes the Council will continue to support their efforts to publicize the many ways to play in Joliet.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said with 16,000 inquiries in 2009, that's a little more than 300 a week when there was a staff of three and now there is a staff of two. He said now that's going to be increased and he asked how they are going to handle all of these inquiries.

Mrs. Barker said they do incorporate a mail house to ship a portion of the visitors magazines to as well as using excel databases and then they ship them out for a minimal fee.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the 16,000 were phone, e-mail or what.

Mrs. Barker said the visitor inquiries they get primarily from the print advertising are actually fulfillment leads from those ads so Midwest Living will send her an excel spreadsheet, a data base with names, addresses and what type of information they're requesting.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked what percentage are those, he's trying to gauge how many phone calls they have coming in.

Mrs. Barker said it is a heavily greater amount from the fulfillment leads from the print advertising than they get to their 800 number.

Mr. Benson said the front desk staff has also helped with a lot of direct inquiries where they will put the information in the mail.

The City Manager said he would like to give a big thanks to our community partners Tom Mahalik with the City Center Partnership and everybody else. He said these are very lean times for marketing budgets, but when we see our community partners putting the kind of money they're putting into this campaign we feel that we're on the right track.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if we have the match in hand or do we have to put out the money and then get the match.

The City Manager said we've already received approval from the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.

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Mrs. Barker said the match from the Illinois Bureau of Tourism comes on a case by case reimbursement basis so as we expend funds purchasing an ad, then we submit that invoice and then that reimbursement takes place.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said that's from the State of Illinois, correct.

Mrs. Barker said that's correct.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the reason she asks that is because the State of Illinois has been so behind in other bills she wanted to know how quickly we'd get the \$50,000.

Mrs. Barker said the grant is actually run through the Joliet City Center Partnership so what we're requesting today is that the \$50,000 be transferred to the Joliet City Center Partnership to then purchase the ads and get reimbursed for it.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if they are behind on these grants.

The City Manager asked how did we do last year.

Mrs. Barker said we did just fine, we came in precisely on schedule with all our reports and measures through the grant.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so they're quicker with this money than they are paying other monies.

Mr. Benson said he could report back to the Council quarterly as they go along if they'd like.

The City Manager said Ben Benson speaks frequently with Jan Kostner who is the long time director of the Illinois Bureau of Tourism and he can contact her. He said we'll keep an eye on it because we obviously don't want to get too far out in front with expenses without knowing that the money is coming from the State.

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #93-10 dealing with the Purchase of a Tree Chipper so that the City's Forestry Division can perform cyclic pruning in-house on a regular basis. He said the estimated savings is greater than the estimated cost of the chipper. He said Tree Advisory Board members Rita Renwick and Willie Jaeger are present to support this purchase.

Mrs. Rita Renwick stated she wanted to thank the Council for considering this purchase; it's something the Tree Board has talked about for quite awhile. She said we're not doing any cyclic pruning and this is a way to keep this in-house and make our streets look really good and be safe. She said we can also recycle the materials by chipping it and using it in all of our greenways and anywhere we have plantings. She said she is sure the chipper will pay for itself over the long term. She thanked everyone for supporting the urban tree program that we've had in place for 20 years now.

Mrs. Renwick said they are kind of worried because people are saying we need to talk to the State because to be a Tree City USA we're supposed to spend \$2 per person in the City on tree maintenance and planting. She said we're all cutting back and she doesn't know if they're going to keep up with their

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standard, but we have those Tree City USA flags flying as do many other communities throughout the State and we hope to keep them up there.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

4. Request for Approval to Purchase a Tree Chipper
(Council Memo #93-10)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of a 2009 BC 1000 XL Vermeer Chipper from Vermeer Midwest Inc. in the amount of \$24,975.00.

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

NAYS: NONE.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Jim Greenan then explained Council Memo #114-10 dealing with the Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 724 Railroad Street (B & B Riverfront Bar and Grill).

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

5. Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 724 Railroad
Street
(Council Memo #114-10)

A communication from the Liquor Commissioner regarding the application of KACRF Enterprises, Inc. (Kenneth W. Cargle and Elizabeth A. Cargle) d/b/a B & B Riverfront Bar and Grill for the issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 724 Railroad Street contained his recommendation that the issuance of this license is in the best interest of the City, and therefore, approval is recommended.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC moved that the recommendation of the Liquor Commissioner be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #110-10 dealing with Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with VOA Associates for the Joliet City Center Development Plan. He said in October of 2008 an agreement with VOA Associates was approved to develop a comprehensive plan for downtown Joliet to help guide the development of downtown and to implement the recommendations that come through the plan. He said during that time we've had some interesting changes in direction and focus, primarily dealing with the

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transportation center. He said last week's announcement by President Obama of \$1.2 billion being made available for the high speed rail line between Chicago and St. Louis has given us some new energy to keep pursuing what we're doing and certainly being the first stop on the high speed rail line will position us to attract a lot of companies and a lot of visitors to Joliet and the transportation center and related facilities will help make our opportunity to redevelop downtown Joliet even that much stronger.

The City Manager said we have applied for a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant. He said the pot of money that was distributed last week by the President was not the TIGER Grant funding that we had applied for, and we're hoping to hear from the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary in the next few weeks whether we made the first round or not. He said we are competing with a lot of great projects out there and a lot of important projects that need to be funded like ours so we really don't know where we'll go with that. He said VOA has put in a tremendous amount of work with our staff trying to develop this plan as well as develop a plan for a new Courthouse and update the 1990 downtown plan. He said what's before the Council is a change order for \$35,000 to compensate VOA for the extra time that they've put in up to now and in the future and also to address the issues regarding actually bringing financing to us to implement plans that we have talked about for a long time. He said it's one thing to have a plan that we look at, put on the shelf and hope it happens, but it's another thing to actually implement and get the financing whether it's through a federal grant, state grant, public private partnership, any kind of funding we can find to bring in, and if VOA helps procure that, this contract addresses the financial relationship on that. He said staff is recommending it's approval.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

6. Request for Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with VOA Associates, Inc. for the Joliet City Center Development Plan
(Council Memo #110-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$35,000 on behalf of VOA Associates, Inc. for financial services related to the Joliet Regional Multimodal Transportation Center.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if there could be more change orders in the future.

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The City Manager said there could be and it really depends on how big this gets. He said he thinks change orders in the future will be good news because that means we've gotten some grants and we're going to keep expanding the program, we'd have to go back to the Land Use Committee first and then the City Council before we get into any additional change orders.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she believes this is a very good investment and sometimes you have to spend money to make money and in this matter she will vote yes.

The City Manager then went to the beginning of the agenda to explain the remaining items.

Fire Chief Joe Formhals explained Council Memo #98-10 dealing with the Purchase of 11 Tablet PCR User Licenses and Council Memo #99-10 dealing with the Purchase of Web Based Training from Kaplan University for the Fire Department.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked why this didn't come to a Public Safety Committee meeting.

The City Manager said we tried to schedule one but we found out that COUNCILMAN DORRIS was going to be out of town and we just kind of ran out of time. He said it ordinarily goes to Public Safety and we just didn't have a chance to get the meeting together and have all three members there.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he usually likes to see the ownership of anybody we do business with, especially for non-bid situations. He asked if he can follow up and get that to the Corporation Counsel so we can see if there are any conflicts here. He said he doesn't know this place so he would just like someone else to put some eyes on it.

The City Manager said one other item that we probably would have put on a Public Safety Committee agenda is Council Memo #101-10 dealing with the Purchase of Software License/Support for Electronic Ticket Writers that the Police Department uses.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked for an explanation.

Police Chief Hayes stated this is the annual license agreement for the electronic ticket writers that the meter officers have in the City Center area and he explained how they work. He said this is for an annual maintenance contract in the amount of \$6,210.

Director of Neighborhood Services Alfredo Melesio explained Council Memo #108-10 dealing with Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 for the Rehabilitation of Property at 1013 Cypress Lane, and Council Memo #109-10 dealing with Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 for the Rehabilitation of Property at 837 Mulford Lane.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked why the gutters and the addition of siding were not in the original specs for 1013 Cypress Lane.

Mr. Melesio stated they found ice and storm damage once they start getting in there. He said they probably should have caught it ahead of time if it was that damaged.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we saw it on Dartmoor and we're seeing it here and we're probably going to see it all the time. He said that's one of the very important things to do to get that storm water away from the basements so that might as well be included in all the specs. He said we're seeing it often enough.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked why wouldn't the siding match be a spec item.

Mr. Melesio stated he thinks when we first write up everything what we try to do is just match everything as close as possible and we don't require custom. He said he thinks at the end of the day once we saw that the original bid came in as priced, there was a little bit of wiggle room.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said it's almost \$1,000 to match siding. He said if it's close he doesn't understand the need to do it now if it didn't need to be done before. He questioned several other change order items including painting of interior doors to compliment walls and the changing of the front door.

Mr. Melesio said that is stuff that's seen on day one, but we're trying to work within a budget and then when everything comes in that's when we start to add the little extras that really makes the house look better and sell better. He said technically we could put these things in but then we may run into situations where some of the things that we put on at first we may not be able to pay for in the end. He said so it's really just a little bit of latitude to make some good decisions about what will make the whole house fit and sell better at the end.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said these bids are coming in close and those hundreds and couple thousand dollars there is going to bump us up against another guy and he just doesn't want that to be a problem. He said if it's gutters or something that's bad, the replacement of an exterior door or we're going to match paint, it's just odd that we're running the changes through like that. He said he could understand if we unearthed something during the rehab.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she would have to agree with that, she had questions about that too. She asked if we can set some type of policy so they don't come back for change orders for door painting and painting this and matching that and the gutters too, is that possible to do something like that.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he understands what they're doing, they're trying to save money and stretch it as far as they can and do as many neighborhoods as they can, but for some of these things it seems to be inconsistent and he hates to be unfair in the bidding process, that's what it's about.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said that was her concern too, the bidding process.

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Mr. Melesio said we're going to do what the Council wants but at the end of the day we have to sell the property and in trying to meet our goal we set a certain price and we have a pretty good idea of what the bids are going to come in at. He said but at the end of the day when we're looking at the finished product and say if we spend another \$2,000 or another \$3,000 we wouldn't have any problem selling it, that's just to put the finishing touches on the house.

7. Review of Management Staff Personnel Reorganization

The City Manager said several changes have been made over the last year and a half involving the 10% of City employees who are in the management group and are at-will or non-union employees.

The City Manager explained in a PowerPoint presentation the reorganization of management employees and the resulting annual salary savings in the following departments: City Manager, Human Resources, Community and Economic Development, Management and Budget, Legal, Public Works, Public Utilities and Fire Department. He also indentified the employees receiving additional compensation from moving into new positions.

The City Manager summarized the reorganization that resulted in a savings of about \$1.6 million in salaries per year. He said there have been no pay increases for employees who have remained in their positions, there has been no 4% increase on January 1, 2009 and no pay increase on January 1, 2010, and step increases have not been granted in 2009 and 2010. He said it's about a \$400,000 savings per year from the management group by not having those pay raises take effect as they usually do; those pay raises usually follow what the collective bargaining units receive. He said the savings over the last two years is \$1.2 million which includes \$400,000 twice, the one raise that would have been granted in 2009 counting in 2010, and then the 2010 raise on top of that. He said that's a total savings of about \$2 million for a work group that has about 100 people at this point.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the Council was given a sheet of all these raises before and it says "Management Full-time and Part-time Salary Adjustments". She asked who the part-timers are on here.

Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich said just the Copy Tech Aide, all the others are full time.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked just what does a Business Services Manager do.

Mr. Mihelich stated the Business Services Manager right now would be responsible essentially for issuing business licenses as well as helping out part of the time issuing transfer stamps. He said our long term goal with that is also to help us with business analysis. He said Kristen Gundersen has a lot of planning experience and so it's our hope she can help fill a void in doing analysis. He said she was helpful for instance in doing some of the work with some of the things Council had requested when we were looking at Vulcan, so we have special projects that we give to her as well.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the reason she asked that is because you said she helps with transfer stamps but you have a coordinator that does that.

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Mr. Mihelich said in the old Business License office we had 3 individuals: an Account Clerk, the Business License Inspector and the Field Auditor. He said on a long term basis we're hoping to reduce that down to one because what we're doing is we're taking that Field Auditor position that Linda Johnson has and we're moving that over to run the Copy Center part of the day which we're doing on reduced hours. He said so instead of having 1 ½ people in the Copy Center we're probably going to have about .7 part of the day and then part of the day she'll be doing transfer stamps. He said so we're going from about 4 ½ positions down to about 2 ½, so they're doing kind of a little bit of everything right now.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she can understand the raises when you're moving into a different position as far as a different job title, however she doesn't agree with the other raises that you gave because we're going to the unions and asking them to concede or hold back or whatever you need to work out with those folks, so she doesn't begrudge anybody a raise, but in these times right now she doesn't think that we should be doing that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said on a different note, when you presented this she was looking at the Council Memo we had and then the memo we had from last week, the personnel summary, and it says at a December Council Meeting the Mayor and City Council approved an ordinance amending salary ranges and fringe benefits for exempt employees. She said but when she goes back to Council Memo #1108-09 it says clearly, clearly, the way she interprets it but it could be some type of legal jargon, whatever you want to call it, it says here the attached ordinance does not increase the salary rates which remain at the 2008 levels for the full and part-time exempt employees and the ordinance redefines selected position responsibilities as a result of the reorganizational structuring. She said so when she read that it was her understanding that the exempt employees were not going to get a raise and that's how she interpreted it and she asked several other people to look at that and that's how they interpreted it. She said so in turn she does not agree with these raises at this time, she just wants that on the record.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said she brought up a point about people getting raises for doing the same job, who would that apply to.

The City Manager said he thinks everybody is in a different position.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they've taken on more responsibilities.

The City Manager said right and this is where we've collapsed divisions, for example, we eliminated the Human Resources Department completely. He said it was a department head position that was being paid \$144,000 a year and we assigned that department's responsibilities to Ken Mihelich and Hugh Brennan under the office of Management and Budget. He said but we do need to have somebody running that and we have a very capable person, Teri Rodriguez, who came to the City a few years ago with a lot of great experience from Argonne and has a lot of human resources knowledge. He said last year we did more human resources personnel changes in one year than we had probably done in 20 years before that, a lot of it not by choice, but Teri stepped up and exceeded expectations as far as her capabilities and when it came time for him to work with Ken and Hugh on selecting somebody to oversee the Human Resources Division there was only one choice and that was Teri and so he felt very comfortable in promoting her to a new position and giving it division head status. He said he believes Teri is at the mid-range of division heads and that's

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why he felt very comfortable having Teri come in at that level. He said he'd be happy to address any questions about any other specific changes. He said if he did not word the Council Memo as accurately as he could have or with full disclosure, he needs to be better at that next year and certainly call these out. He said he thinks at the time that was written, that was during the budget review process and he was focusing on a lot of things and maybe he needed to be a lot clearer in that Council Memo.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said other than the Technical Aide who got a raise, unless he's mistaken, every one of these individuals are doing more than they were.

The City Manager said they are, yes, and he knows the counter to that is that we're all doing more with less than what we used to do and there's no doubt about that because that's the new economy that we're in, we don't have a choice, but a lot of these were people who actually moved into new positions. He said it's much like we had in the Police Department where we had a Sergeant move to a Lieutenant position and a 10% raise went along with that. He said so that's why when he was moving people up into new positions he thought it appropriate to try to balance this and when he looks at the \$1.6 million in savings and it cost us about \$50,000 to save \$1.6 million, he thought that was a good return on investment.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY commended the City Manager for putting together the report and said he thinks those numbers total about 25 management positions down and he thinks the position we're in right now with you at the helm is as solid as we could be given the current situation. He said you took a delicate problem and you took care of it swiftly with at-will employees that had no protection from a bargaining unit and he thinks you did it fairly. He said that kind of decision making and leadership is what we expected when we hired you and we didn't think we'd have to hold your hand through tough decisions like this and as CEO it was executed quite fairly and quite competently.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he thinks we thoroughly vetted the City Manager in the last executive session and we made it real clear. He said there is no question that his heart was in the right place but he does believe in these kinds of circumstances that the Council should be consulted first and our input is important to this process. He said he thinks we've made that very clear and that's all he's going to say about it. He said we've done the job and we've already chastised him for that and that's enough.

8. Citizens to be Heard

- a. Hilton Hudson re: Constitutional Abuse
- b. Robert Iuffues Webb II re: Recommendation for Repealing Various Ordinances and Solution to the Density Problems in Districts 4 and 5

Neither gentlemen appeared at the meeting.

The City Manager advised there was a need for a closed session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, land acquisition and pending or threatened litigation.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the Council recess to closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, land acquisition and pending or threatened litigation after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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