

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 5th day of February, A.D. 2007***

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 3:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR PRO-TEM JAN QUILLMAN and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMAN ALEX LEDESMA, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS and COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE.

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

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

The City Manager explained Council Memo #107-07 dealing with a Variation of Use to Allow the Expansion of the existing Milano Bakery Facility at 427 S. Chicago Street to 4 adjacent residential properties to the west at 408-414 S. Ottawa Street. He said construction plans include an 8,500 sq. ft. masonry addition with a new freezer and loading dock.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS arrived at the meeting during the explanation.

Attorney John Gallo was present on behalf of the petition.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Variation of Use to Allow Expansion of a Commercial Bakery Facility in an R-2 and R-3 District Located at 408-414 S. Ottawa Street as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals subject to the following conditions was presented and read: 1) That the gravel parking lot be paved before a certificate of occupancy is awarded; 2) That 4' high wrought-iron fencing and landscaping be installed as per the submitted plan before the certificate of occupancy is awarded; 3) That two existing accessory buildings that face Fifth Avenue will be screened by a decorative masonry wall before the certificate of occupancy is awarded; 4) That if the above conditions are not completed within the specified time period, this matter shall be scheduled for an administrative hearing; and 5) That the Variation of Use granted shall herein terminate and lapse unless a building permit or certificate of occupancy is obtained not later than 180 days of the effective date of this ordinance and the erection or alteration of a building is started or the use is commenced within such period. (#2006-129/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #107-07)

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COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15769)

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #108-07 dealing with Amending the Joliet Procurement Code by Adopting the "Responsible Bidders Ordinance".

COUNCILMAN BROPHY arrived at the meeting during the explanation.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

2. AN ORDINANCE Amending the Joliet Procurement Code Regarding the Eligibility to Bid on City Contracts was presented and read. (Responsible Bidders Ordinance)
(Council Memo #108-07)

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15770)

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #114-07 dealing with Supporting the Troy School District 30-C Referendum which is seeking approval to issue \$20 million in bonds to make site improvements and to build and equip a new elementary school and make repairs and equip the Craughwell, Crossroads and Shorewood schools.

Superintendent Larry Wiers of Troy School District 30-C said he knows you are probably wondering why there is a need for a new school because we just opened William B. Orenic School on Theodore Street in August. He said as we did that, we also welcomed 412 additional students to the District, which is almost the size of the school. He said we are expecting another 2,100 homes to be completed in the next few years. He said he wants to emphasize that there will be no tax rate increase to build this building and to improve our three older schools, and no request for a referendum to staff the new school.

Superintendent Wiers said he also wants to mention that although the school will be built in the Village of Shorewood, it will service all the students that are coming out of Riverbrook Estates and Hampton Glen on West Theodore Street. He said right now we have 300 some students from those two subdivisions alone that will be able to walk to this school. He said he would ask for the Council's support. He said the Council has been phenomenal over the years; this is the 13th time that we've come to you in the last 10 years and every time without

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hesitation you have approved a Resolution to support our efforts and we do appreciate that.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said the new growth that is going to take place that will service the schools is from Shorewood, not Joliet.

Superintendent Weirs said the latest growth, yes. He said Riverbrook Estates has been established for a number of years and Hampton Glen is about two years old. He said the rest of it will be from Breckenridge, Huntington Village and Edgewater, which are all in the Village of Shorewood.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said so all of Shorewood is what is really causing this expansion and future enrollment.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

3. A RESOLUTION Supporting the Troy School District 30-C Referendum was presented and read.
(Council Memo #108-07)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5870)

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #100-07 dealing with the Annexation of 850 and 900 Essington Road and a Variation of Use to Allow the Construction of an Old Second Bank.

Mr. Dan Malinowski of Jacob and Hefner was present on behalf of the petition.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked what kind of fence is going to be on the eastern end.

Mr. Malinowski said it's going to be a traditional board on board wood fence. He said there is a detail in the landscaping plan.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked about the square footage of the office space.

Mr. Malinowski said the two-story building is 5,000 sq. ft. on each floor and the separate office building to the north is about 5,100 sq. ft.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if they did any kind of market analysis or some kind of study on demand for the office portion.

Mr. Malinowski said he hasn't but his client has. He said they have good connections with the bank and the possibility of some spin-off from that operation. He said they and a lot of people agree that this corridor is really a very important corridor and an important place to be. He said they are a little closer to Black Road which is another important corridor and they see a lot of good possibilities there.

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The City Manager then explained Council Memo #105-07 dealing with the Recording Plat of Campus Center Subdivision Phase 4.

Mr. Malinowski was present on behalf of the petition.

The City Manager suggested that the date of the next Regular Council meeting be changed due to the President's Day holiday.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. be changed to Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., and that the Pre-Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. be cancelled.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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

The City Manager advised there was a need to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the Council recess to closed session to discuss pending litigation after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk