

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois  
held on the 17th day of March, A.D. 2009***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

**INVOCATION**

An Invocation was delivered by Father Chris Groh, St. Mary Nativity Catholic Church, 710 N. Broadway Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Father Groh then led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: NONE.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., of the Special Meeting held on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that COUNCILMAN SHETINA be appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for the period April 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2009.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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It was requested that Council Memo #228-09 be moved up on the agenda at this time.

A. Request from Daybreak Shelter for City Funding  
(Council Memo #228-09)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS asked the City Manager if he had a recommendation tonight for the Council.

The City Manager stated based on the comments that were made at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday it appeared that there may have been some consensus for participation in a funding program of up to \$167,000 with \$20,000 coming out of each of the Councilmanic NIP District funds and also \$20,000 coming from the Mayor and Council At-Large NIP fund, with the balance to come from a budget transfer from the Rialto account to a new account that would be created for this particular expenditure for a total of \$167,000. He said staff would concur with that recommendation.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said through the format that the City Manager has outlined, it breaks down to \$47,000 from the Rialto and \$120,000 from the Council's Neighborhood Improvement Funds and that's what constitutes the \$167,000.

The City Manager said right and we would make the adjustments in the NIP Program administratively based on your vote tonight.

COUNCILMAN TURK said yesterday we talked about using possible stimulus funds for this. He said if in fact we do receive stimulus funds could that be reversed and the monies put back into the Districts and the Rialto. He said he supposes that would require a Council vote.

The City Manager said if we do secure stimulus package funding for the 2009 budget year for homeless shelters then we would certainly bring that back to you with our recommendation to use that funding for the City's grant to Daybreak.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked when we would know that.

The City Manager said we don't know right now; it is very competitive for stimulus package money and we're in line with many other towns trying to secure funding.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said it's been brought to her attention that Daybreak houses parolees and she asked Ms. Pam KostECKI of Daybreak to address that.

Ms. KostECKI stated they don't allow any of the jails or discharge planning from the Department of Corrections to list 611 E. Cass Street as a discharge location for them but they do not discriminate against people who have a criminal record and maybe had a family member here and for whatever reason that didn't work out. She said another thing they don't discriminate from is the jail puts people out at midnight and if they are brought to the shelter with a police referral we take

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them, no matter what their situation. She said that is part of their partnership and agreement that if the police bring someone to their doors they take them.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so you have no direct discharges to Daybreak.

Ms. Kostecki said it is not allowed. She said if the Department of Corrections in any form calls them and asks if they can discharge somebody to the shelter the absolute answer is no.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said when you do have these parolees are the other residents made aware of the situation.

Ms. Kostecki said clients are made aware at the beginning of their stay with Daybreak that they house all kinds of different people and there are lots of people that they house where they don't know their background. She said they try to make them be cautious about their behaviors and relationships in general but they don't identify people and their histories.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said but you don't directly take anybody into your shelter coming from the Department of Corrections or something like that.

Ms. Kostecki said they do not; they do not allow discharges from the Department of Corrections.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN then asked Police Chief Hayes to address that question.

Chief Hayes said at the request of COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN he checked with the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the offender tracking system of the DOC currently shows 13 parolees using Daybreak Shelter as their residence. He said of those 13, 3 of the parolees are direct discharges to Daybreak. He said according to the DOC three parolees received and were approved for a direct discharge to Daybreak. He said based on that information he has been in contact with the DOC trying to arrange a meeting with the Deputy Director of Placement Resources Unit at their Springfield office. He said they anticipate having a meeting with them in the very near future. He said this has been a problem that they have addressed in the past. He said 5 or 6 years ago they met with the DOC over this concern and at that time they agreed that they would not direct discharge parolees to homeless shelters in Joliet but it looks like there have been some recently.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked what happens when it's time for a person to be discharged.

Chief Hayes said that person meets with the DOC parole unit and provides a discharge address and that address is then reviewed by the DOC. He said once the review is completed the parolee is notified whether or not that address is proper for parole. He said once that is done the parolee receives approval for discharge to that address.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if those are done 9 to 5, 24/7 or when do they do those.

Chief Hayes said he really doesn't know.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if he's making an assertion that those three were in fact approved by the recipient address.

Chief Hayes said yes, he has actually received documents from the DOC which indicate in those official documents that these three were approved for direct discharge to Daybreak through their offender tracking system which the Police Department does have access to. He said the Police Department is provided offender tracking system notifications from the DOC so they receive these parolee notifications pretty much on a daily basis. He said on a review of that particular address we have seen that there are three that have been approved and that's the reason why we asked for a meeting with the DOC.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked how many are discharged in a year to the area.

Chief Hayes said it's probably well in the hundreds, maybe even close to a thousand.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said you don't have any information on the special circumstances of these three or any others in that population.

Chief Hayes said no he doesn't. He said this would not prohibit a parolee from picking up and moving from a particular address so you may have a parolee who has been approved to a particular address in Joliet and for whatever reason that parolee actually moves from that location to a homeless shelter. He said the DOC does not review those changes; parolees are just required to provide the new location.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the parolees number more in the low hundreds or closer to a thousand.

Chief Hayes said it's well in the hundreds and maybe very close to a thousand parolees per year.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if they all come to this area.

Chief Hayes said no.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked whether they have to have an address of where they're going when they get paroled.

Chief Hayes said yes.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said those three people you're talking about used the address of Daybreak Shelter.

Chief Hayes said yes, those three people have used Daybreak Shelter as the direct discharge address and according to the official records from the DOC those three parolees were approved for Daybreak.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked who approved them.

Chief Hayes said the DOC.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if they record any kind of approval from the recipient location. He said if a person gives an address of his aunt do they contact the aunt and get an approval.

Chief Hayes said the DOC does do a check on the address but he doesn't know what their process is. He said the purpose of our meeting with them is to find out exactly what has taken place in these three cases.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked Chief Hayes if to his knowledge the State pays these service agencies to house these folks when they're discharged.

Chief Hayes said he doesn't know that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if any of the Board members could answer that.

Ms. KostECKI said the DOC doesn't pay them.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if Daybreak gets any money from the State to house these folks.

Ms. KostECKI said directly for parolees, no.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said you told me you didn't take parolees.

Ms. KostECKI said correct, we do not. She said there is no written documentation or verbal documentation that says that any member of Daybreak Shelter or Catholic Charities allowed this discharge. She said it doesn't prevent the DOC from approving or allowing it but the Police Chief has no documentation to support that we said it was OK.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said but they're there, someone approved it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said someone at DOC approved it, we don't know what steps they took to get that approval, we don't know if they made a phone call or faxed something, we have no information in that case. He said less than 1%, a fraction of a percent here of all those released tricked the system and ended up over here.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked how long do they stay at the shelter if they go there.

Ms. KostECKI said the average stay is six weeks.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if the City Manager's recommendation for this funding is just for this fiscal year at this point.

The City Manager said that's correct, it would be for the 2009 calendar year only. He said if there is a request for funding in 2010 he has informed the operators of Daybreak that considering the challenges that we have, he can not assure them there would be any funding at all.

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COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he hopes everybody understands we're responsible for taxpayer dollars and obviously we have to make those dollars work the best for the entire City whether it's homeless or whether it's not homeless. He said at the same time Joliet has never walked away from its responsibility for the homeless, never. He said Joliet has always done more than its fair share and way above other communities that don't participate. He said in the future, and he has noticed that Daybreak is looking at trying to find other funding sources, we hope that the other taxing bodies will step up to the plate and share in their responsibilities and help this move forward the right way.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said with respect to someone coming to Daybreak they just have to present themselves and if they're not drunk or disorderly you have to take care of them for whatever period of time it is.

Ms. KostECKI said they do ask for identification.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked Chief Hayes whether he has noticed any particular problems with any specific parolees as a result of presenting themselves to Daybreak and staying there.

Chief Hayes said he can't say that we've had any particular problem with a particular parolee there.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if they have to report to a parole officer.

Chief Hayes said yes, they are under intensive parole review so they do report to a parole officer.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said of the three people that are there now are they from the Joliet area or are they from out of the area.

Chief Hayes said all three are from the Joliet area.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if there are others that were pending to go there from out of the area.

Chief Hayes said not that he's seen.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she must have been given misinformation.

Chief Hayes said he has not seen whether or not there are others to be released there directly, he is just aware of these three.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS made a motion to approve funding for the Daybreak Shelter in the amount of \$167,000 with \$20,000 to come from each of the five District NIP funds, \$20,000 from the Mayor and Council-At-Large NIP funds and \$47,000 from the City's Rialto allocation.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE and COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said to use an old cliché "Timing is everything" and his feeling is the timing of this is terrible. He said the City is in the process of starting negative negotiations with the bargaining units asking them to give up benefits and we don't know if there's going to be layoffs. He said if this were after that and he was assured there wasn't going to be layoffs he could probably support it, but at this time he can not and he voted no.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said this is probably going to be the hardest decision she's ever had to make. She said she's looked at this inside out and upside down. She said every social service organization was given a letter and signed a contract with the City that said that as long as the money was there you will get the money, but do not plan on the money. She said the other social service agencies provide services as well and they're not here looking for more money, they've thanked us for our support in the past and they realize when the money is available again that we'll enter into an agreement with them and as long as we have the money we will give it to them. She said regarding the grant, the grant was originally for transitional housing for 10 homeless families, but as Ms. Kostecki stated a couple weeks back when they had a special meeting, the monies from this grant were going to be used for salaries and operations, it's not for the homeless directly.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said as COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said, if she was assured that our City employees were not facing layoffs or unemployment she might go along with this but it's with a heavy heart tonight that she is not going to be able to support this when our City employees are out there possibly facing the same thing. She said it's also a public safety issue because if we layoff firemen, policemen and City workers, who is going to provide the services to the citizens of Joliet, including Daybreak. She said what if we have to close a fire station, there would be a longer response time to help somebody in need and particularly maybe someone at Daybreak. She said having said all that it's with a heavy heart she's going to have to vote no.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he doesn't question anybody else's judgment and their vote but he has to look at the circumstances that he's presented with and we as a City ran Daybreak out of town from the downtown years ago and got them into 611 E. Cass Street. He said we asked them to get out of the downtown so we could have a shot at maybe bringing some of it back and they did that. He said beyond that if he thought this money would salvage jobs it might be different but he doesn't think it will; we're talking about \$167,000 of which \$47,000 is an allocation that would be going to the Rialto and \$120,000 is from the Neighborhood Improvement Program which right now is stagnant because we don't have a lot that we can do with the money we have and it may be gone next year.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said in the final analysis, we as a City are responsible for the people who come here whether they present themselves from out of state or not. He said none of us like to go through this process, voting differently and having different opinions is not fun, we usually vote 9 to 0 on most things. He said everybody has a right to their opinion and he feels if this were a threat to the employee complement he wouldn't support it either. He said it is not, in his opinion, a threat to the employee complement. He said it would have gone for neighborhood improvements which is stone, gravel, roads, aerators and ponds and things of that nature, that's where we spend most of this money. He said our dollars also over the years from neighborhood improvement came to the point

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where we're using it to fund our day to day operations also. He said it was supposed to be infrastructure, we went beyond that a long time ago as COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC has told us many times. He said we have started using it to live off of like the organizations that we help have lived off of it. He said nobody likes to have the unions mad at them but he doesn't think the union people he's talked to feel that people should be on the street; it's not a good thing to have people on the street particularly when a lot of them are our own people. He said no matter whether we do this or not they're going to end up in our lap regardless of whether they go to Daybreak or the Plaza Hotel or wherever else they're staying and the City of Joliet is essentially going to end up with this problem. He said we're going to watch to see that we're not a repository for everybody in the world but he's going to vote aye because he thinks it's the right thing to do.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN TURK said he respects everybody's vote up here and he's sure we've all agonized over this issue for some months now. He said he sits on the Housing Foundation Board and when he and the City Manager went over there in December we made it clear that this is probably going to be the last year of our commitment and that they should seek alternate funding which he thinks they've already started doing. He said as he stated yesterday the only way he could support this is if the bottom line budget didn't change and by taking money out of the allocation from the Rialto and \$20,000 from the various districts, that would be the only way he could support it. He said not a single one of us wants to see employee layoffs and the City Manager is working diligently every day with the City Council to try to avoid everything we can to avoid layoffs. He said so for this project here he votes aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said no decisions up here are easy any more; they're getting harder and harder every day. He said Daybreak has done a wonderful job and we appreciate that and we hope that in the future you will look at your operation, obviously you can't turn people away, and at the same time though you have to be discreet and that's what we're hoping you're going to be doing. He said also in the future we'll be working with you to find those other taxing bodies to make sure that those funds will be there in the future and that Daybreak will move in the right direction and he voted aye.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she has done a lot of soul searching, thinking and worrying about people and her heart goes out to the people that Daybreak takes care of and feeds every day. She said she searched her heart and prayed about it very hard and she has always been a person who cares about other people so she wants to say tonight that she hopes that the decision we're making here tonight will be a decision that everyone would be very proud of because we don't want to see anyone out there in the cold with no food. She then voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he appreciates the thoughts of those opposed given that our priority to honor our oaths falls somewhat differently for each person up here, but in general he thinks we do a lot of things with unanimity. He said we have a difficult task of allocating limited resources across a complex budget of competing interests that never seem to find a perfect organization but we do the best we can to reach what's called the greater good and the exact measurement of that work is difficult at best to quantify. He said obviously in the future the mood is that we want to find a better formula to share the burden a little more evenly and he certainly agrees with that. He said the people of the City of Joliet have done much to shoulder a heavy burden for many

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years and we should probably figure out a better way to do that, but today we're doing the right thing because we're honoring a long commitment, a partnership that's been ongoing and matching important dollars to secure a federal grant that we certainly don't want to lose. He thanked everyone who voted in favor and he said he votes in favor as well.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ asked what kind of contract do we have with the bargaining units and do we have a contract with the police.

The City Manager said we do not have a current contract with the FOP officers. He said the former contract expired in December of 2008. He said we do have contracts that run through 2012 with the supervisory police officers, the two firefighter bargaining units and Local 440 which represents several members of the street department, water and sewer department, public works and clerical personnel.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said so the only one we have open is FOP.

The City Manager said that's correct.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if they are negotiating with them now and the City Manager said yes.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said the other ones are set up to 2012.

The City Manager said they are, yes.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said so in other words there will be no layoffs there.

The City Manager said we have opened up a conversation with all of the bargaining units and he has indicated to them that we're coming to them in a spirit of cooperation. He said we've presented to them the financial status of the City and that we need some contract adjustments to be made in those contracts that are locked in through 2012. He said we've not put specific proposals on the table yet but we will be doing that very shortly and we are working on some preliminary matters with the bargaining units. He said as a matter of fact we have a couple of meetings scheduled for tomorrow afternoon and we hope to work through this in a very orderly, business like manner to minimize layoffs. He said if we can avoid layoffs completely that would be our ultimate goal. He said we have put hundreds if not thousands of hours in since we approved the budget on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in trying to come up with a model that will recognize the serious financial situation that we're in that was caused by the economy changing dramatically over the last year.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked Daybreak if they understand that this is just for this year.

Ms. KostECKI said yes.

MAYOR SCHULTZ then voted aye.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. City-County Advisory

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked the City Manager if he had anything to report.

The City Manager said we have a meeting coming up with some of the staff members from the County to give them a preliminary review of where we are with the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and County Board Chairman Moustis and County Executive Walsh have been invited to that meeting. He said we continue to work with the staff from the County on getting ourselves prepared and there will come a time when we'll have to have a meeting of the joint committee.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said County Board Member John Gerl retired and he just wanted to send out thanks. He said John was the first one he called and asked for help with making some progress in this effort and he responded and is owed a debt of gratitude for that. He said his role in that was critical early on and he wanted to thank him.

B. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Committee met yesterday after the Pre-Council meeting and reviewed and discussed the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on February 17, 2009. He said they also reviewed the Neighborhood Improvement Program for February which was placed on file and reviewed the cash flow report which showed that sales and utility taxes were down significantly compared to budget. He said water and sewer funds show a negative \$646,430 cash balance based on the first month's performance, and revenues were on target but expenses were higher than expected. He said they will be monitoring this closely.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said there was also a review and discussion of the February Conference, Travel and Seminar Report and an examination of the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims for the month of February that were placed on file.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)  
Modification No. 3 – Modification to the 2009 Districts 3 and 4  
Neighborhood Improvement Programs  
(Council Memo #226-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the modification to the 2009 District 3 Neighborhood Improvement Program by adding the Deer Run Estates Subdivision External Sump Pump Installation Utilities Project (\$88,100.00) and the modification to the 2009 District 4 Neighborhood Improvement Program by adding the 3206 Hickory Creek Drive Rear Yard Drainage Project (\$17,800.00).

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- B. Request for Authorization to Approve Concurrence with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the I-55 Sound Walls  
(Council Memo #227-09)

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

- C. Treasurer's Report – January, 2009

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

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the recommendations 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, COUNCILWOMAN  
BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS

- A. Request from Daybreak Shelter for City Funding  
(Council Memo #228-09)

The City Clerk noted that this item was approved earlier in the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)

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B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)

C. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)

D. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)

E. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)

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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
- F. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
- G. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
- H. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 to I-2 Zoning (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #230-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner, CenterPoint Joliet LLC, that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on June 16, 2009.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said items be tabled to the June 16, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

I. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 69.3 Acres - Bronk's Landing Subdivision

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 69.3 Acres - Bronk's Landing Subdivision (#A-111-08/Dist. #1)  
(Council Memo #231-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 69.3 Acres - Bronk's Landing Subdivision (#A-111-08/Dist. #1)  
(Council Memo #231-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of Bronk's Landing Subdivision to B-3 and R-1B Zoning (#A-111-08/Dist. #1)  
(Council Memo #231-09)
4. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary Plat of Bronk's Landing Subdivision (#P-5-08/Dist. #1)  
(Council Memo #231-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on April 21, 2009 in order to finalize outstanding issues with IDOT and the annexation agreement.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said items be tabled to the April 21, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Treasurer's Disbursements – February, 2009 - \$28,854,179.55

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

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B. Regular Claims – February, 2009 - \$2,641,495.83

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

C. Regular Payroll – February 21 – March 6, 2009 - \$3,173,712.18  
(Council Memo #232-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period February 21, 2009 through March 6, 2009 including a 2008 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow a Children's Day Care Facility in a Proposed Free-Standing Structure on Lot 3 at Drauden Pointe Center Located at the Southwest Corner of 2301 Drauden Road (#2009-05/Dist. #1)  
(Council Memo #233-09)

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

2. AN ORDINANCE Declaring the following properties as Public Nuisances and authorizing application to the Circuit Court for demolition, injunction or other relief was presented and read: 412 S. DesPlaines Street, 512 S. DesPlaines Street and 618 Ida Street.  
(Council Memo #234-09)

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16457)

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3. AN ORDINANCE Amending the Joliet Liquor Code Regarding Notice of Hearings for New Liquor Licenses and License Transfers was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #235-09)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16458)

**B. RESOLUTIONS**

1. A RESOLUTION Declaring a Subdivision Improvement Default was presented and read. (Brookside Subdivision Phase III – Caton Farm Road)  
(Council Memo #239-09)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the neighbors in the subdivision are aware of this or is there anything we need to inform them about.

The City Manager said the road improvement is completed, but we can meet with the neighborhood organizations and let them know the status of the traffic light at Fresno and Caton Farm Road. He said this would cover half of the cost of the traffic light and we would have to pursue collection of the other half from the developer of the project south which is Caton Ridge.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked what the time frame is on this.

The Corporation Counsel said Caton Farm Road is under County jurisdiction and what we're doing here is trying to develop a pool of money we can give to the County so they can then schedule the project. He said they need to complete the section from approximately Drauden Road all of the way out to County Line Road and that would be the final segment that is under County responsibility when it's done. He said he thinks the expectation is it would become a City road but only after it's complete and there would be a full four lanes with signals and a middle lane as well. He said that could take a number of years because it's up to the County to complete.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6247)

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2. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Execution of the Funding Approval and Grant Agreement for Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) Program Funds was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #240-09)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if the meeting at Bicentennial Park tomorrow morning is with respect to this.

The Director of Neighborhood Services said they are going to be meeting with realtors tomorrow to let them know how they can get involved with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program by bringing the City potential clients to purchase the houses that the City purchases. He said there has been a lot of interest by realtors who want to get involved in the different projects that are available.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked him to give us a report at the next meeting.  
(RESOLUTION NO. 6248)

**BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Award of Contracts**

1. Authorization to Repair Roadways Vehicle – Unit ST074  
(Council Memo #243-09)

A report on three estimates received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to repair a 1996 International Tandem Axle Dump Truck to Bourbonnais Supply Inc. in the amount of \$5,700.00.

2. Approve Maintenance Agreement for Wireless Network Service  
(Council Memo #244-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the following: 1) Payment of \$5,436.00 for four months of maintenance charges (\$1,359.00 per month); and 2) Payment of \$1,359.00 per month in maintenance charges to be added to the regular monthly maintenance wireless network equipment contract with Sentinel Technologies that extends to August 2011.

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3. Award of Contract and Approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2009 City Parks Landscape Maintenance Contract  
(Council Memo #246-09)

A report on eight bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Arbor Tek in the amount of \$124,844.00, and that Change Order No. 1, a deduction in the amount of \$7,000.00, be approved.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated yesterday he had asked if Arbor Tek would do the contract for the same price as the lowest bidder, who had withdrawn their bid. He said staff contacted him and they said they couldn't do it for the same price so we're going to have to pay the \$124,844.00.

4. Award of Contract for the Purchase of a Replacement Pump at Lois Place Lift Station  
(Council Memo #248-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the increase to Purchase Order No. 99917 in the amount of \$24,664.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$25,654.00 on behalf of Gasvoda and Associates.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the recommendations 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, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

**B. Amendments, Change Orders and Payments:**

1. Approve Change Order No. 18 for the Municipal Center Phase 2 Remodeling Project  
(Council Memo #253-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 18 in the amount of \$6,396.00 on behalf of R.L. Sohol.

2. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 4 for the Snow Removal for Municipal Parking Lots  
(Council Memo #254-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$600.00 and Payment Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$1,985.00 on behalf of Trizzino Construction.

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3. Approve Payment No. 2 and Final for the 2008 City Parks Landscape Maintenance Contract  
(Council Memo #255-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$31,725.00 on behalf of Allied Landscaping.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 3 for the Edgecreek Subdivision Drainage Improvements – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #256-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,305.13 and Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$6,168.95 on behalf of Duke, Inc.

5. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Estimate No. 3 for the Illinois Route 59 Watermain Project - 2008  
(Council Memo #257-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2, a deduction in the amount of \$3,919.80 and Payment Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$49,728.66 on behalf of LA Sites.

6. Approve Payment No. 10 for the West Side Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Upgrade Construction Project  
(Council Memo #258-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 10 in the amount of \$92,036.18 on behalf of Williams Brothers Construction.

7. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Rock Run Interceptor Capacity Study Engineering Services Agreement  
(Council Memo #259-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$197,670.00 on behalf of Clark Dietz Inc.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- A. Transfer of a Class "B" Liquor License at 1101 N. Hickory Street  
(Council Memo #263-09)
- B. Issuance of a Class "1" Liquor License at 1030 N. Hickory Street  
(Council Memo #264-09)
- C. Change of Classification of Liquor License from a Class "C" to a Class  
"A" License at 1115 Plainfield Road  
(Council Memo #265-09)
- D. Transfer of a Class "B" Liquor License at 7162 Caton Farm Road  
(Council Memo #266-09)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC wished everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day especially his wonderful wife Mary Catherine Lahey. He said he signed a petition for St. Patrick's Day to become a national holiday and hopefully that will come true.

COUNCILMAN TURK said in every department of the City we have a lot of excellent employees and a lot of people who give their all for the City and they care about the City a lot and he thinks that was evidenced in recent weeks when the Police Officers donated their time to see that the Easter Parade will go on.

COUNCILMAN TURK then wished his father a Happy 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday today.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA echoed COUNCILMAN TURK'S sentiments both in respect to the Police and his father who is a friend of his.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said there is a meeting scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Meadow View Elementary School which is at County Line Road and Caton Farm Road and at that meeting we are hoping to get people from all of the subdivisions around there including Cumberland, Cumberland South, Mayfair, Kendall Ridge, Greywall, Clublands and the areas in his district including Mirage, Clearwater Springs, Aspen Meadows and all of the rest of those. He said we are going to be there to answer questions. He said we're not going to present any particular project or program unless it's asked of them but we would like to see as many people as we can so any questions people might have about things we did in the winter or whatever is going on in the area or just basically whatever City functions are at risk will be discussed. He said he would assume we will have a complete complement of staff there so we can do that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she would like to say one more thing regarding the Daybreak issue. She said a few weeks ago when they came to us and said if they didn't get the funding they would have to close the cold shelter she just wants it to be known that she is not against helping folks in need and on that particular day she and COUNCILWOMAN BARBER went over to Morning Star Mission and they should be commended. She said they talked to the

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Morning Star folks and asked them if the cold shelter were to shut down could they help us out and they did agree to take those folks if that were to happen and fortunately that did not happen. She said as a nurse she cares about people but if there is no backup plan for them to go to then that's one thing, but there are other places for folks to go. She said she is not against paying for services rendered but in this particular case this agreement was made a long time ago and in the agreement it did say "if appropriated" and she just wanted to reiterate that. She said that's her say on this and then she wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY thanked the folks at the Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association for the good meeting they had the other night. He said they talked about safety and what they could do to keep their homes safe and they did a good job running that. He thanked the group for sticking together and being diligent about keeping their households safe. He also wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and congratulated John Gerl on his new job and he wished him well. He said he's sure the County Board hates to see him leave.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked the City Manager when our next meeting will be.

The City Manager said our next meeting will be one combined meeting on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers due to the conflict with Election Day on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that former Councilman Alex Ledesma be allowed to address the Mayor and Council at this time.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Mr. Ledesma said in regards to the layoffs he worked at the steel mill for 15 years and they went through some layoffs and also a reduction in hours and asked if the City thought about that.

The City Manager said we've reviewed several options of ways of reducing expenses and one of them certainly would be looking at a reduction in hours. He said our problem though is a substantial portion of our operation functions on a 24/7 basis and we really can not look to those areas for a reduction in services. He said in those other areas where we have the flexibility we've talked about it and we're looking at both the cost of the service and the cost of savings and weighing that. He said we'll be bringing back recommendations to the Council but at this point we really haven't finalized anything because our discussions with the unions continue.

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Mr. Ledesma said he hopes the City goes down to a four day work week because he knows there are a lot of single parents that work for the City of Joliet that still own their houses and we have a lot of foreclosures in Will County. He said he hopes the City can reduce the work week instead of layoffs so we don't end up with a lot of foreclosures.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that the Council adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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ARTHUR SCHULTZ  
Mayor

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JANET K. TRAVEN  
City Clerk

Recorded on Tape