

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 14th day of April, A.D. 2008***

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 3:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

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.

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

The City Manager first explained Council Memo #466-08 dealing with a Development Agreement for the Use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds for a restaurant to be know as "The Department" at 205/207 N. Chicago Street and 5 W. Cass Street.

Mr. Derek Brenczewski, the developer, was present to respond to questions.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

1. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Approval of a Development Agreement for the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for 205-207 N. Chicago Street and 5 W. Cass Streets was presented and read.
(Council Memo #466-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6038)

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #448-08 dealing with the Annexation of 1450 S. Brandon Road which is being requested to be tabled to the May 20, 2008 Council meeting so that the developer has additional time to review environmental issues and address concerns of the surrounding neighbors.

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The City Manager then explained Council Memo #455-08 dealing with Variations of Use to Allow the Construction of Billboards at River Street and I-80, at 778 S. Joyce Road and at 536 S. Eastern Avenue.

He also explained Council Memo #470-08 dealing with a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Impact Marketing Group (IMG) to construct two billboards on either side of I-80 at its expense and convey the northern structure to the City upon its completion, which the City would use to promote local attractions and events. He said the second billboard would be retained and operated by IMG on a 20'x18' site to be conveyed to IMG.

It was requested that these items be voted on today.

2. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Variation of Use to Allow the Construction of Two 20' x 60' Off-Premise Advertising Signs on the East Side of the DesPlaines River Located at River Street and I-80 as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented and read. (#2008-02/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #455-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16067)

3. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Variation of Use to Allow the Construction of a 20' x 60' Off-Premise 80' High Advertising Sign in Oak Leaf Center Located at 778 S. Joyce Road as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented and read. (#2008-03/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #455-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16068)

4. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Variation of Use to Allow the Construction of a 20' x 60' Off-Premise 120' High Advertising Sign Located at 536 S. Eastern Avenue as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented and read. (#2008-04/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #455-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16069)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinances 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.

The City Manager then explained Council Memo #450-08 dealing with Amendments to the Annexation Agreement and the Special Use Permit to Allow an Auto Service Facility at the Northwest Corner of Kellogg Street and Plainfield Road.

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

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The City Manager explained Council Memo #444-09 dealing with Awarding a Contract to Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co. to Perform Experience Studies of the Policemen's and Firemen's Pension Funds.

The City Manager explained Council Memo #447-08 dealing with the Annexation of the Bridge Street Town Center Development at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 which is being requested to be tabled until the May 6, 2008 City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS left the meeting at this point.

The City Manager explained Council Memo #458-08 dealing with Designating 310 N. Ottawa Street (Steelworkers Union Hall) as a Local Landmark.

The City Manager explained Council Memo #462-08 dealing with Extending the Police Patrol Officers Eligibility List an additional year, to November 10, 2009.

The City Manager explained Council Memo #468-08 dealing with Opposing the Closing of the Maximum Security Beds at Stateville Correctional Facility which was requested at the last Pre-Council meeting by several Stateville employees.

It was requested that this item be voted on today.

5. A RESOLUTION Opposing the Closing of the Maximum Security Beds at Stateville Correctional Facility was presented and read.
(Council Memo #468-08)

COUNCILMAN BARBER moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6039)

The City Manager explained Council Memo #476-08 dealing with Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of Electricity. He said that since the electrical energy market is constantly in motion and the industry does not generally hold prices for longer than 24 hours, proposals will be received tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. and an addendum will be presented tomorrow with the recommended award of contract.

6. Citizens to be Heard

- a. James Matzuka re: 406 Nicholson Street
- b. Trista Brown re: Police Issues

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

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the Council go into closed session at 5:20 p.m. to discuss pending litigation after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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