

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 7th day of March, A.D. 2008***

SPECIAL MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 4:00 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 JOHN M. MEZERA, CORPORATION COUNSEL JEFFREY S. PLYMAN and DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES MICHAEL SUPPAN.

A Notice of Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois to be held on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, called by MAYOR SCHULTZ for the purpose of appointing the new City Manager was submitted.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that the Council recess to closed session at 4:02 p.m. to discuss personnel after which the meeting will be reconvened.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:28 p.m.

1. A RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement with Thomas A. Thanas was presented and read.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that Thomas A. Thanas be appointed City Manager effective March 31, 2008, and that said Resolution be adopted.

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.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN DORRIS said Tom, welcome home. He said as much as he hates to see John go, what a great opportunity to have you come and work with us again. He said he is thrilled, it's exciting and welcome home.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said every time he saw Tom, he said don't go too far, and he said welcome back.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said as a Council, we all came together on this one and it was unanimous, welcome.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said Tom, we're glad to have you back, and you'll earn every penny.

COUNCILMAN TURK said Tom, welcome back, and we're glad you decided to give us the opportunity to have you back.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he would echo everyone else's statements, and he said congratulations and welcome back.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she would also echo everybody's statements, and welcome back.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said there's nothing better than local talent.

Mr. Tom Thanas said he can't tell you how excited he is to be standing here again. He said he knows what the City was like when he started here in 1981 and he knows many of you around the table remember it very well, were either working here or living here doing something else, and there were some tough times. He said he thinks we saw a lot of changes take place starting in about 1986, 1987, and he thinks certainly when John was appointed City Manager and the economy picked up a little bit and we had a few good projects, we all got real excited and some good things started happening. He said he is here just to keep things going. He said he can't tell you how happy he is, it's old home week for him, and what makes it real easy, and he knows it's a hard job and people have told him it's the hardest job in the City, but what makes it real easy for him is to look around here and see the staff people that are still here, all familiar faces, people that he's worked with, a couple of whom he hired or recruited, and it tells him that John has left the cupboard fully stacked with lots of help, guys and gals ready to take on the projects that you want us to. He said he can't wait, so 24 days and counting, he's ready to start.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6030)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the meeting adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

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.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
MAYOR

JANET K. TRAVEN
CITY CLERK