

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois  
held on the 1st day of April, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Father Raymond Lescher, Sacred Heart Church, 337 S. Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois, which included a special prayer for the family and friends of Police Detective Frank Miller, who suddenly passed away recently.

Father Lescher 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, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA and COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK.

ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Baseball

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Baseball Committee met on March 24, 2008 and discussed the changes in the concession items at Silver Cross Field. He said Aramark had asked for 18 menu increases and the JackHammer staff whittled it down to 11, with two being for coffee. He said many of the items that were raised in price have been the same since 2006 and most of the raises will still keep us below Schaumburg and Gary. He said the ticket prices were not changed. He said the Committee's recommendation is to adopt the recommended increases.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they also discussed the Miracle League which has 50 children signed up so far for this year. He said they have had good results with their funding including donations by Caterpillar (\$100,000), White Sox Charity (\$100,000), Cubs Caravan (\$17,000), various family and corporate foundations (\$170,000) and local businesses and individuals (over \$45,000). He said they are still \$317,000.00 short and they will be coming to the Finance Committee looking for a donation. He said maybe each District Councilperson could take some money out of their Neighborhood Improvement Program funds. He said this is for bricks and mortar and it is a good cause.

**B. Public Safety**

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said the Public Safety Committee met on Monday and discussed the possibility of a bike medic team for the Fire Department. He said for some of the City's events including Waterway Daze, the Car Show, Fan Fest and the NASCAR races where it's tough to get around in a golf cart, they want to use bicycles with paramedic equipment attached. He said they could get to the patient faster and then call for a stretcher which would be on a golf cart. He said the Committee is recommending the costs to the City of \$15,000 which includes the bicycles, equipment and training the firefighters on riding the bicycles.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they also discussed the purchase of two ambulances which is in the budget.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they also talked about a training facility that they discussed a few months ago. He said the Police Department is looking for an indoor firing range and the Fire Department is looking for a 4-story tower for training. He said they both have separate ideas and are going to get together and come back with one facility, one price and how much property they need.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they also discussed a scavenger license and it seems we already have an Ordinance in place that covers this. He said they are going to enforce a \$65 fee and licensees will receive a card to put on their dashboard and the police will then be able to stop them to make sure their card is up to date. He said they have had some problems with scavengers taking items that were not intended as garbage.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said regarding Council Memo #439-08 dealing with paying for emergency plumbing repairs at Fire Station No. 7, the bid is for \$20,000 and the bidder that will be awarded the contract was the high bidder. He said the low bidder couldn't do the repairs for a week and there was a leak in a 2" water line somewhere under Station No. 7. He said they were concerned with the leak that they might end up with a sink hole. He said Leonard Plumbing could do it right away so that's why the high bidder received the contract.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked how many bikes are we getting for \$15,000 and if that is in the 2008 budget.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said the cost of a bike is \$675.00 and that includes the equipment and the training.

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The Fire Chief said Battalion Chief Terry Mangun brought this idea to them recently and it is not in the 2008 Budget. He said what they were going to look for is some support from the City Council and also some support from the Foreign Fire Tax Fund to pay for the training, and hopefully they can split the cost.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked what the Committee is recommending.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they are looking for six bikes for a total of \$895 per bike. He said the total cost for the bikes is \$5,300, helmets are \$360 and it will cost \$6,000 for 32 hours of training, for a grand total of \$15,000.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if there was some possible grant money.

The Fire Chief said Chief Mangun is looking into that. He said right now it is just an idea that he floated past the Public Safety Committee yesterday. He said he thinks they could come back with a firmer number by the next City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they were looking for money this year and as this program goes on they were going to apply for grants in the future.

The Fire Chief said the Foreign Fire Tax meeting is next week and they'll have a little better idea of what they want to do with the support also.

**D. Public Service**

COUNCILMAN TURK said the Public Service Committee met this morning and reviewed the contracts, change orders, pay estimates and final payments and found them all to be in order and recommended their approval. He said they also reviewed the proposed Special Service Areas No. 10 and No. 11 and the modification to the District 2 NIP Program. He said staff is also compiling information on the Will County Roadway Impact Fee.

**E. Water Park**

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Water Park Committee met on March 26, 2008 at the Provena Community Room at Inwood Athletic Club. He said they discussed some possible changes this year and an update on the funds. He said they had 74 operating days last year out of 82 with some days closing early. He said they had attendance of 51,900 and since the park has opened, they have had over a quarter million people use the park. He said the staff did comparisons with other water parks and found that the season passes were priced too high, so they are lowering them this year. He said an individual season pass will be \$50, a family of two is \$99 and each additional person is \$10, so a family of four can use the water park for the whole year for \$119. He said their goal is to sell 500 passes this year and raise approximately \$50,000. He said they are recommending changing the operating season from opening on Memorial Day to opening on June 7<sup>th</sup> which is the first day the children are out of school, and closing on August 17<sup>th</sup>. He said these changes will save approximately \$45,000.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN had given the Park District the name of a consultant who could give them ideas on how to save money, but he would charge \$40,000, and they decided that they didn't feel he would have enough ideas to save the \$40,000.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she didn't think so either.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said their fiscal year ends April 30<sup>th</sup> and their loss this year is \$73,000, so any season passes that are sold this month will go on last year's report.

There were no other Committee reports.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Position Vacancies  
(Council Memo #376-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill the Payroll Agent position, three Patrol Officer positions and any subsequent vacancies directly related to these positions.

B. Approval of the 2008 Stadium Menu at Silver Cross Field  
(Council Memo #377-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the proposed 2008 Stadium Menu as recommended by the Baseball Committee.

C. 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program (N.I.P.) Modification  
No. 5 - Modification to the 2008 District 2 Neighborhood  
Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #378-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the following modifications to the 2008 District 2 Neighborhood Improvement Program:

- Addition of the 1529 N. May Street Roadway Storm Sewer/Rear Yard Drain Improvement (\$39,184.00)
- Addition of the Chovan Estates Subdivision Side Yard/Rear Yard Drainage Improvement (\$69,500.00)
- Deletion of the Guardian Angel Community Services (Salaries) contribution (\$30,000.00)
- Addition of the Guardian Angel Community Services Kitchen Build Out and Handicapped Ramp Construction Project (\$30,000.00)

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

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of Lasser Property Located at the  
Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the  
Lasser Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and  
I-80 (#A-3-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the Lasser  
Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80  
(#A-3-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the Lasser  
Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to  
B-2 Zoning (#A-3-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of Preucil Property Located at the  
Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the  
Preucil Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and  
I-80 (#A-4-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the Preucil  
Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80  
(#A-4-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the Preucil  
Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to  
B-2 Zoning (#A-4-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

C. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the Preucil/Crawford Property  
Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the  
Preucil/Crawford Property Located at the Northeast Corner of  
I-55 and I-80 (#A-5-08/Dist. #3)  
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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the Preucil/Crawford Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-5-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the Preucil/Crawford Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-5-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- D. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the Leroy Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the Leroy Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-6-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the Leroy Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-6/08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the Leroy Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-6-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- E. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the First Midwest Trust Company Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the First Midwest Trust Company Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-7-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the First Midwest Trust Company Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-7-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the First Midwest Trust Company Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-7-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- F. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the W.L. and P.J. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the W.L. and P.J. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-8-08/Dist. #3)  
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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the W.L. and P.J. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-8-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the W.L. and P.J. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-8-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- G. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the R.V. and S.M. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the R.V. and S.M. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-9-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the R.V. and S.M. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-9-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the R.V. and S.M. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-9-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- H. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the B.A. and M.B. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the B.A. and M.B. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-10-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the B.A. and M.B. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-10-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the B.A. and M.B. Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-10-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- I. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the Leonard Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the Leonard Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-11-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the Leonard Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-11-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the Leonard Fox Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-11-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- J. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the Meyer/Overall Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the Meyer/Overall Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-12-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the Meyer/Overall Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-12-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the Meyer/Overall Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to R-4 Zoning (#A-12-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- K. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the H.E. Fox Living Trust Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the H.E. Fox Living Trust Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-13-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the H.E. Fox Living Trust Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-13-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
  3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the H.E. Fox Living Trust Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 Zoning (#A-13-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)
- L. Public Hearing re: Annexation of the McClure Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80
1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the McClure Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-14-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the McClure Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-14-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the McClure Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 and R-4 Zoning (#A-14-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

M. Public Hearing re: Annexation of NGPLC Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for the NGPLC Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-15-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of the NGPLC Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 (#A-15-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of the NGPLC Property Located at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80 to B-2 and R-4 Zoning (#A-15-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #381-08)

4. Ordinance re: Approving a Development Agreement Between O & S Holdings and the City of Joliet for the Development of Bridge Street Town Centre Mixed-Use Development at the Northeast Corner of I-55 and I-80  
(Council Memo #381-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on April 15, 2008 due to some remaining issues with the development agreement.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ asked the City Manager if there was anything new today.

The City Manager said there is nothing new today. He said there are a few details to work on with the development agreement, but it is almost done. He said it looks like this will be coming back to you at the next City Council meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said items be tabled to the April 15, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – March 8 – March 21, 2008 - \$3,052,471.09  
(Council Memo #397-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period March 8, 2008 through March 21, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period February 29, 2008 through March 13, 2008 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 TURK moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. AN ORDINANCE Repealing a Variation of Use to Allow the Continuation of a Three-Unit Residence in an R-2 District Located at 900 Jasper Street was presented and read. (#1995-105/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #400-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16064)

2. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 10 – William (Marion-Jefferson) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #401-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16065)
3. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 11 – Wilcox (Mason-Ruby) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #401-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16066)

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

**B. RESOLUTIONS**

1. A RESOLUTION Approving the Purchase of Property Located at 354 Ohio Street was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #406-08)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6037)

**BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Award of Contracts**

1. Award of Contract for Printing of the 2008 Joliet Visitors Guide  
(Council Memo #411-08)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Service Web Offset in the amount of \$39,220.00.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked the Deputy City Manager what the circumstances were that a firm out of Chicago out-bid the local printers for our Joliet Visitors Guide and the Joliet Summer Events Guide.

The Deputy City Manager stated we put these out for bid and the Council's policy is to accept the lowest qualified bidder, and in this case Service Web Offset in Chicago was the lowest qualified bidder. He said we have discussed in the past the possibility of restricting this sort of thing to local businesses, but the problem that we have there is that a lot of local businesses bid on out of town jobs and they are concerned about other cities following suit and saying that they can't bid on jobs that are out of the City of Joliet. He said they've recommended that it's much better just to let the process go and let the lowest qualified bidder be accepted. He said he did want to point out that Joliet Litho Print was the low bidder on the Joliet Summer Events Guide.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if there is a shortage of printers in Joliet. He said we received one bid from a Joliet firm.

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The Deputy City Manager said we advertise it and whoever bids on it bids on it, and he doesn't think there is a shortage of printers in Joliet. He said it appears there seems to be a shortage of interested printers.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said but they are aware of the project being bid and the bidding process.

The Deputy City Manager said they certainly are.

2. Award of Contract for Printing of the 2008 Joliet Summer Events Guide  
(Council Memo #412-08)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Joliet Litho Print in the amount of \$6,085.00.

3. Award of Contract for Demolition of Property Located at 1220 Fairview Avenue  
(Council Memo #413-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Gould Excavating in the amount of \$8,495.00.

4. Award of Contract for Weed Cutting and Cleanup of City Owned Properties  
(Council Memo #414-08)

A report on six bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Abe's Lawn Service in the amount of \$58,086.00.

5. Authorization to Purchase Electronic Surveillance Equipment  
(Council Memo #415-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Adaptive Digital Systems in the amount of \$9,170.00.

6. Award of Contract for the 2008 City Parks Landscape Maintenance  
(Council Memo #417-08)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Allied Landscaping in the amount of \$90,100.00.

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7. Authorization to Purchase Two Three-Wheel Mechanical Sweepers – Roadways Division 2008  
(Council Memo #418-08)

A report on one bid received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Standard Equipment in the amount of \$318,094.00.

8. Award of Contract for the Taylor Street (Westnedge-Springfield)/ Westnedge Road (Douglas-Taylor) Roadway Improvements – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #419-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to P.T. Ferro Construction in the amount of \$189,456.99.

9. Award of Contract for the Repair of the No. 4-50 HP Mixing Pump at the Westside Treatment Plant  
(Council Memo #420-08)

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. 94109 by \$7,758.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$8,748.00 on behalf of General Machine & Tool Co.

10. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Replacement Boiler Tubes for the No. 2 Boiler at the Eastside Treatment Plant  
(Council Memo #421-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Barr Mechanical Sales in the amount of \$9,234.00.

11. Award of Contract for the Replacement of Windows at the Eastside Treatment Plant  
(Council Memo #422-08)

A report on three proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to C & T Construction in the amount of \$38,200.00.

12. Award of Contract for the Campbell Street (Clement – Center) Decorative Street Lighting Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #423-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Utility Dynamics Corporation in the amount of \$176,142.25.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if these lights are going to be the same coloring that is in place now or are they going to be decorative lighting or the ComEd lighting.

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The Director of Public Works stated these are the black, decorative streetlights.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if these are the same ones that are on Buell Avenue or are these different.

The Director of Public Works said the ones on Buell Avenue are different. He said those are ComEd lights. He said these are City of Joliet standard black, decorative streetlights just like the ones on Campbell Street to the west of Clement.

13. Award of Contract for the Bentley Drive (Bronk – 1350' East)/Priebay Avenue (Von Esch – East End) Roadway Improvements – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #424-08)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Len Cox & Sons in the amount of \$189,086.00.

14. Award of Contract for the Belmont/Elizabeth/Irving Roadway Improvements Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #425-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. in the amount of \$292,748.33.

15. Award of Contract for the 2807 Billie Limacher/6502 Morningstar Lane/1214 Ryehill Court/2244 Stonehaven Drive Drainage Improvements Project - 2008  
(Council Memo #426-08)

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 Duke, Inc. in the amount of \$25,981.91.

16. Award of Contract for the North Copley/South Copley Roadway Improvements – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #427-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. in the amount of \$189,917.21.

17. Authorization to Purchase Mobile Mapping Software for Thirteen (13) Fire Department Laptop Computers  
(Council Memo #428-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Group One Mobil Mapping in the amount of \$12,160.00.

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18. Award of Contract for the Remodel of Fire Station No. 9's  
Bunkroom  
(Council Memo #429-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Barbic Builders in the amount of \$6,250.00.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Authorization for Payment of Automated Fingerprint  
Identification System Maintenance Agreement  
(Council Memo #432-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$5,528.40 to NEC Technologies for the maintenance agreement for a term of May 25, 2008 thru March 31, 2009.

2. Approve Change Order No. 7 for System-Wide SCADA System  
Construction Project  
(Council Memo #433-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$46,644.72 on behalf of Wunderlich-Malec Services.

3. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 2 and  
Final for the 2007 Utilities Restoration Contract  
(Council Memo #434-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$61,826.31 and Payment Estimate No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$145,729.65 on behalf of Lindblad Construction.

4. Approve Payment for Offsite Utilities Improvements for the  
Millennium Square PUD  
(Council Memo #435-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$151,603.00 to NEG, LLC.

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5. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment No. 3 for the Walnut Street Watermain Extension Project  
(Council Memo #436-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$44,469.06 and Payment Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$46,274.67 on behalf of D Construction.

6. Approve Amendment No. 2 and Payment No. 14 and Final for the Professional Services Contract for the I-55/IL 59 Full Interchange Access Justification Report  
(Council Memo #437-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 2, a reduction in the amount of \$102,650.00 and Payment No. 14 and Final in the amount of \$40,786.00 on behalf of Teng & Associates.

7. Authorization for Payment to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Community Water Supply Testing Fund – Fiscal Year 2008  
(Council Memo #438-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$8,679.90 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

8. Authorization to Pay for Emergency Plumbing Repairs at Fire Station No. 7  
(Council Memo #439-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$20,190.00 to C.R. Leonard Plumbing.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated staff used to include in the Council Memos the District number as well as the budget code numbers on the award of contracts. He said that helps us so we can easily track if we asked for certain jobs to be done and whether our money is being spent on it or not. He asked if they could include that in the Council Memos in the future.

The City Manager said he would follow up on that.

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LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

- A. Transfer of a Class "B" Liquor License at 723-725 Collins Street  
(Council Memo #442-08)
- B. Issuance of a Class "I" Liquor License at 550 East Cass Street  
(Council Memo #443-08)

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN TURK welcomed new City Manager Tom Thanas and said he is looking forward to working with him.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he wanted to issue a caution regarding carjackings at malls. He said he hasn't heard of any reports locally but it has happened several times in neighboring towns. He said a person gets in their car and there is someone in the back seat with a gun who makes them drive to a cash station or just takes their purse. He said we need to talk about it and make our residents aware of the fact that this is happening. He said we are a little bit lax getting into a car and opening all of the doors and not paying attention and not being alert. He said it has been confined to parking lots where there are a lot of busy things going on. He said he would ask the City Manager to talk with our Mayor and ask that Public Information Officer Kevin Hegarty look into putting out some kind of a bulletin so residents are aware of this.

The City Manager said he will follow-up with Mr. Hegarty and work with the Police Chief and see what they can do.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN welcomed the new City Manager to his first meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said last week the funeral for Detective Frank Miller of our Police Department was held and the turnout for this man was phenomenal. She thanked all the citizens that lined the streets to pay their respects. She said it was very impressive and she was very proud of the City and she asked Chief Hayes to elaborate.

The Police Chief said they really appreciate the support of the City and the Mayor and Council. He said the Police Department lost its "Sherlock Holmes". He said Detective Miller was a brilliant detective. He said they were deeply shaken and saddened by his loss. He said Frank was only 38 years old and is survived by his wife and two young children.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said Police Dispatcher Lisa Yanchick won a contest for a public safety commercial and will represent Joliet on television for her two winning statements.

The Police Chief said April is Telecommunicators Month and in the State of Illinois telecommunicators were asked to submit their ideas for a public safety commercial. He said Lisa Yanchick, who is an eight year veteran, was selected as a winning finalist along with seven other contestants. He said they filmed some public service announcements talking about the importance of 911. He

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said Lisa's commercials and radio announcements will be featured throughout the State of Illinois during the month of April. He said they were asked to submit comments on why they were proud to be 911 telecommunicators and Lisa said she was proud to be one because "I was a friend to a total stranger today". He said Lisa takes her job very seriously as well as all of the other telecommunicators do and she prides herself on customer service and he thanked COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN for recognizing her.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER welcomed the City Manager and said she promises they will do a good job for him too.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the City Manager if he could ask Public Works to begin communicating with IDOT about the conditions of the roads in town that they control, specifically Route 7 (Larkin Avenue) and all of its connectors which are in rough shape. He said we ought to start that conversation early and get their plan and see what they are going to do about it and if they're not, then we have to take some action and do something about it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY echoed COUNCILMAN SHETINA'S comments because someone he knows had a car broken into around Christmas and things were stolen at the mall. He said they know when it's safe to do these things and a little surprise by police enforcement would be a good thing.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Corporation Counsel to explain the recent news on Evergreen Terrace. He said this has taken many twists and turns and this is by no means the end and he asked the Corporation Counsel to summarize what Judge Norgle decided on Friday.

The Corporation Counsel said late last week Federal Judge Charles Norgle issued an order where he basically ruled that the City may proceed to condemn the Evergreen Terrace property even though there are significant federal subsidies that are given to the property, and even though a federal agency of the Department of Housing and Urban Development opposed the condemnation. He said what that means for the City is basically everything in the case. He said the one major concern we've always had is whether or not the federal interest in that property would somehow be a trump card and would prevent the City from exercising its normal legal power to condemn property for public purposes including the elimination of dilapidated property. He said Illinois law gives cities the right to condemn property and to take over ownership and management of a property if the property is mismanaged and constitutes a blight or a slum. He said this is extremely good news for the City and what the court has basically done is treated Evergreen Terrace the same way as every other multi-family property in the City of Joliet. He said in other words, the court said you have to operate your property according to the same set of standards as any other property.

The Corporation Counsel continued that the next step in the process is for the City to proceed with the condemnation, and what that basically means is that the City back in 2005 declared that it deemed it necessary to acquire the real estate that is Evergreen Terrace to eliminate the property issues and the law enforcement issues that exist there. He said the property owner is entitled to fair compensation for the City's acquisition of the property and that's determined by a jury. He said the next step is to proceed with a jury trial to determine what the value of the property is. He said there is some issue as to whether that will be a federal jury in Chicago or a Will County jury here in Joliet. He said they filed a

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motion to have the case returned to Joliet where it started. He said they think it makes perfect sense for a Will County jury to take a look at that property and decide whether or not it is blighted and what the value of the property is. He said that's still pending but what we've received from the federal court is a big green light to proceed with the case.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he knows it's nowhere near done, but he wanted to thank the Corporation Counsel and his staff and former City Manager John Mezera for all of the work they did putting that together. He said he knows they had help from a Chicago law firm too but he wanted to thank him.

The Corporation Counsel said the City retained a Chicago law firm for the condemnation case back in 2005 that specializes in federal litigation and condemnation so they had the perfect combination of skills. He said we all know that the ownership of Evergreen Terrace is extremely wealthy and they've hired one of the biggest law firms in the country to represent them. He said you need to fight fire with fire and bring all the resources you can. He said this is not the only litigation pending between the City and the ownership of Evergreen Terrace. He said they have had three other cases that have been litigated by the Legal Department. He said one resulted in the recovery of \$500,000 for unpaid special police service bills. He said there are two other cases that involve housing code violations which have gone all the way up to the Illinois Supreme Court where the City has prevailed and those cases are coming back to the Will County Circuit Court as well. He said we have been able to prevail at every level so far and there are still some hurdles to get through, but things are looking pretty good for the City.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said this is important and we need to spend all of our energy and effort on it. He said he truly believes that the economic survival of the near west side and the downtown depend upon the removal of that tumor, and so we need to keep our focus on it and he said he appreciates it and he knows the entire City does.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said on the condemnation process, if you go before a jury and you are granted your way and you get the ability to actually condemn it, you can't back off that as a result of not having the funds to pay whatever that dollar amount the jury awards at that point in time, is that correct.

The Corporation Counsel said that is incorrect. He said the jury will determine the value of the property as of October 2005 which is when the complaint was filed. He said the jury would be unaware of this but at the end of the trial when the amount is made known to the City, the City would then have the option to proceed with the acquisition or to stop at that point. He said so if the jury comes back with an unreasonable amount of money, the City is not obligated to proceed. He said the City would have to compensate the owner for its attorney's fees and court costs, but the City would not be obligated to finalize a purchase if the valuation was deemed unreasonable.

COUNCILMAN SHEITNA said in the event we do succeed, what have we done so far to put a little money on the side and then how would we expect to pay for it if we are successful in getting a judgment in our favor.

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The Corporation Counsel said since the 2006 budget year the City Manager has recommended, and you have approved, an allocation he believes is seven figures to pay for two things; one would be to finance the purchase of the property and the second is to take over management of the property because there will be a transitional period of time where the City will work with HUD to operate the facility. He said that has been in your budget already and the City Manager along with the Management and Budget Department took a look at what they predicted the likely financing charges would be based on what we expect the valuation of the property to be, and they also looked at what the projected operating expenses would be if we were to prevail. He said so that funding has been allocated and it's in your 2008 budget.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we have appraisals and they have appraisals, so it won't go beyond the appraised value generally speaking.

The Corporation Counsel said generally speaking.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER asked if we prevail would we have the opportunity to tear the place down and rebuild.

The Corporation Counsel said we would have the opportunity to develop a replacement project. He said what we have told the court is at this point it is our intention to acquire ownership and take over management of the facility. He said one of the public purposes in the condemnation is the operation of an affordable housing facility, but this property is also adjacent to the river and the City in its Comprehensive Plan has called for an extension of the river walk along the eastern boundary of this property. He said our purposes for acquiring the property involve saving the complex and trying to renovate the facility to the extent we can and develop an alternate affordable housing project. He said many housing authorities have been given the opportunity to redevelop these types of facilities into a mixed income, townhome style type of development, but we've also indicated that expansion of the City's river front park system would be appropriate on some of the open spaces along the river front, and that would all be publicly owned and publicly operated. He said unlike some of the other condemnations which have been in the news, Joliet's proposal is different than some in that the City will operate the facility and it will not be turned over to a private party for development, either the recreational portion of it or the housing component.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked what is the next course of action this Council has to take and when will that be.

The Corporation Counsel said the next thing the Council will have to do is basically let the condemnation trial proceed. He said at some point if things go the way they look like they are going, you will have a decision to make about whether or not to proceed with the purchase of the property based on the jury's valuation of the property. He said it's also possible that during the course of the case there may be a settlement opportunity. He said it would be wonderful if both parties could somehow come together and reach a reasonable agreement on the value of the property. He said we tried as hard as we could for many, many years to acquire that property and we made a significant offer to ownership in 2005 that was at the high end of the appraisal range that we had, so we put significant dollars on the table to acquire ownership of the property and perhaps that opportunity could come again.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if he heard that the Secretary of HUD resigned.

The Corporation Counsel said that's true, Alphonso Jackson announced his resignation yesterday.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if he had any say on them lending the money.

The Corporation Counsel said yes he did. He said back in 2003 or 2004 a delegation of Joliet officials including COUNCILMAN BROPHY flew to Washington D.C. and met with Mel Martinez who at that time was the Secretary of HUD and that delegation did a wonderful job in presenting Joliet's case. He said at that point the HUD staff was dead set in favor of renewing the federal subsidies for that project. He said after the Joliet delegation was done the Secretary of HUD told the staff to do an about face basically and to reverse course and to not approve the renewal of the project. He said it was wonderful news but within 2 or 3 months after that he announced his impending resignation so he could run for Senate in the State of Florida and that did occur. He said the successor to Secretary Martinez was Secretary Jackson who was number two at the time and he changed the decision of Secretary Martinez so we were back at square one.

MAYOR SCHULTZ welcomed the new City Manager.

Mr. Thanas thanked the Mayor and said it's good to be back.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that the Council adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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ARTHUR SCHULTZ  
Mayor

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JANET K. TRAVEN  
City Clerk

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