

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 8th day of May, A.D. 2007***

SPECIAL MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Father Chris Groh, Joliet Police Chaplain, 150 West Jefferson Street, Joliet.

Father Groh then led the pledge to the flag.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMAN ALEX LEDESMA.

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

OATH OF OFFICE FOR RECENTLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

The City Clerk administered individually the Oath of Office to District Councilmen Elect Joseph R. Shetina, Timothy M. Brophy, Anthony Uremovic, District Councilwoman Elect Susie A. Barber and District Councilman Elect Warren C. Dorris.

The Will County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to her father, Mayor Elect Arthur Schultz.

Father Groh then offered a prayer for the new Council.

ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE.

STATEMENTS FROM RECENTLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated he would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mayor Schultz on his re-election victory and also congratulate Councilmen Joe Shetina, Tim Brophy and Warren Dorris on their re-election victories. He said he would also like to congratulate and welcome new District 4 representative Councilwoman Susie Barber on her victory. He then thanked his wife and campaign manager Mary Kathryn Leahy-Uremovic and his sons John

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and Michael for all of their hard work and support over the years and during this past re-election effort.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated he wanted to give a special thanks to Diana Stonitsch for all of her hard work and support and for her continuous, non-stop effort to communicate the best of Joliet to the public. He said it is extremely important to be proud of your City and compliment the good things that are taking place. He said it's always easy to criticize and be negative but that certainly will not solve the problem; it takes positive thinking people, attitude and special people like Diana to move forward and make things happen. He gave his sincere thanks to Diana Stonitsch for everything she does for the City of Joliet.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC continued with a special thanks to Jim Ardaugh and Jim Greenan for their work and support over the years. He also thanked the business community and business leaders for their hard work and support to help move Joliet forward. He said some special people including Russ Slinkard from the Chamber of Commerce, Terry D'Arcy, George Barr and Mike Hansen just to name a few have worked very closely with staff and the Council to make this a great place. He said it is most gratifying and an honor to have the support of our local labor unions, the Police, Fire, Utility unions, Carpenters, Pipe Fitters, Painters, Laborers, Cement Masons, IBEW, Teamsters, Local 1 Laborers, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Postal Union, Will/Grundy Counties Building Trades Council and a special thanks to Charlie Hanus, Will/Grundy Counties Central Trades and Labor Council. He said it is a combination of positive people, Council members, our highly qualified staff, business leaders and local labor that come together and make positive changes and improvements to our community; it's not just one person but many.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said last but not least he wanted to take the opportunity to thank the District 3 Neighborhood Associations for all of their support and hard work with the City to make this a better community including members of the Woodbridge Association, Midland Manor, Regency Manor, Marquette Gardens, Oakwood Estates, The Towers, Idleside, Pheasant Landing, Clublands, Cumberland, Riverbrook Estates, Fairway Estates, Country Glen, Waterford Pointe, Timberview, Big Timber, Beaver Creek, Timber Estates and Twin Oaks West/Burr Oaks. He said he greatly appreciates their hard work and support over the years and will continue to work with them to make their neighborhoods a great place to live.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated it is a sincere privilege and honor to serve the residents of District 3, the entire City of Joliet and he will continue to work hard and make Joliet a great place to live, work and have fun.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA thanked everyone for coming this evening and said he has been on the Council for 32 years. He said he has served with four Mayors starting with Mayor Keck, Mayor Bourg, Mayor Connor and with Mayor Schultz who he has served with the longest. He said he has served with about 28 City Councilmen including Councilwoman Barber and he welcomed her aboard. He said he begins the next term with a lot of anticipation, a lot of hope and high regards for the citizens of Joliet and the people who elected him. He said he has learned something from every person he has served with.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he appreciates what has happened here and appreciates working with the Mayor and entire Council. He said he hopes the riverboats, the ballpark, the racetracks, the Autobahn, the Rialto, Bicentennial Park, the Park District, the Will County Forest Preserve District, the Library, the

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County, and all of our sister cities prosper and provide Joliet and its citizens with jobs. He said we have a great history and a lot in Joliet to be thankful for. He said he'll never forget the day when we laid off 200 people with 29 and 30 years of service and we couldn't pay our insurance. He said we're a thriving City now, and we should appreciate that more than we appreciate anything else.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he is looking forward to working with this Mayor and Council and he hopes we all keep a positive attitude and remember that we represent the citizens of Joliet and each other and that we respect each other and go into the next 4 years with respect and high regard and a positive attitude for each other. He said he thanks everyone and appreciates what they have done.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she is truly honored and humbled by the trust and the confidence the people of the 4th District have shown in her and with that trust comes a duty, a duty to serve everyone. She said to all of the citizens of the 4th District she pledges to them to do her best to fulfill the duties every day as their City Councilwoman. She said she wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank her family for supporting her along with her outstanding campaign committee led by her campaign manager Chris Lunningham and a few special friends, including Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Margie Woods, Mrs. Anne Little and many, many more that came out and worked very hard with her.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said as your 4th District Councilwoman she wants everyone to know that she is dedicated to doing everything that she can to bring all of the people of Joliet together so that we can move our City forward. She said she will work with all parties and all citizens to bring about improvement and public safety, public services, economic development and other qualities of life issues that we face in our great City. She said she will work tirelessly with her eyes on the goals that we agree on together, with her ears open to our ideas and concerns and with her heart committed to making the 4th District and the entire City of Joliet a better place for all of our citizens.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said in closing, it was in the 19th Century a clergyman named Phillip Brooks said "Do not pray for tasks equal to your power, pray for power equal to your tasks". She said she prays and asks for your prayers that God will grant her the power to be equal to the tasks of being your 4th District City Councilwoman.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY acknowledged his wife Rayna and his son Braden and his daughter Taylor who were here with him tonight. He said his son Danny couldn't be with them tonight. He said he is humbled by the caliber of talent of the people that sit up here with him. He said some of you have become great orators and some of you are becoming great orators and he can only hope to aspire to that type of ability some day. He said he is proud of the many things we have accomplished and he looks forward to the many accomplishments that we're going to do on behalf of the people of Joliet. He said he considers it a privilege to sit here and work for you and he always will.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY congratulated the Mayor and Council that were re-elected and to Councilwoman Barber specifically who was elected for the first time, congratulations and welcome. He thanked Councilman Ledesma for his service. He said anybody brave enough to put their name on a ballot is a star and a hero in his eyes and anybody willing to then take the job and serve should be thanked and honored properly. He said he thinks Councilman Ledesma gave us 12 years of honest, dedicated service and he thanked him.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said now we still have work to do. He said as long as we have neighbors in need we have work to do, as long as we have water in basements we have work to do, as long as we have people with a drug house next door to them we have work to do, as long as we have homeless in our town we have work to do, and as long as we have crime in our neighborhoods, we have work to do. He said so let's get busy working together to make Joliet even a better place to live.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he honors his family tonight and honors God for another opportunity to sit here and to serve the people of Joliet. He said it's been 20 years since he was first elected to the City Council. He said 20 years ago when he was elected we had so many problems in the City we had to raise all types of taxes just to pay the bills. He said we had gang problems that some people seemed could not be solved. He said through a lot of work and through a lot of prayer and a lot of people coming together and saying we're going to take our neighborhoods back, we have made some tremendous gains in the City of Joliet and in particular in District 4 and District 5.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he wanted to thank all of the unions and everyone who helped him including Kenny Millsap and Sue Shetina who both told him to get out there and campaign. He thanked Judge Bolden, Father Ray, Reverend Singleton and Reverend Brooks and everybody who helped him. He said he's thought about what he sees in the City right now and we're doing well financially; we have grown so much to the west. He said however we have not seen that growth on the east side and southeast side of Joliet and that is where he predominantly represents and the area to Midland Avenue. He said we have some tremendous neighborhoods that are doing well. He said he wants to say to Districts 4 and 5 and to the City "It's our turn now, it's our turn, it's our turn". He said the task force that was established by Councilman Ledesma and himself and some of the other organizations including JACOB have noticed there are some deficiencies in our community where we do not have the best stores. He said we want to have people in our community that own businesses that can employ young people in our community. He said we want businesses to come in to our community and bring jobs in, not working poor jobs but jobs where people can have health care, a decent wage and where they can send their young people to college. He then introduced a young man in the audience who has a 4.2 grade point average and said they have to figure out how to get him into college. He said we have to make sure people in our community don't have to go to New Lenox or all the way out to Route 59 to get to a decent grocery store. He said we've got to make sure when the entrepreneurs in our community want to start a business there's going to be avenues for them to start them.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he pledged to work with Councilman Ledesma and they did some great things. He said and now with Councilwoman Barber they made history here tonight and he said this is the first African American woman to sit behind this desk and he said he is proud of her. He said Reverend Singleton told him something like this a long time ago - "Don't look at Councilwoman Barber as a black leader, she's a leader that just happens to be black and she'll lead you if you're willing to follow". He said he is here with a fire to make sure District 4 and 5 gets their fair share and a desire that our business people in our community get their fair share and to make sure when the money is given out that our people get a fair share. He said one last thing he wants you to remember is it's our turn, and God Bless you all.

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COUNCILMAN TURK congratulated Mayor Schultz, Councilmen Brophy, Dorris, Shetina and Uremovic on their re-election and especially Councilwoman Barber on her election and he welcomed her and wished her the best of luck. He said he is looking forward to getting to know her and working with her and said he thinks she'll find this a very interesting job. He said 95% of the time it's a great job and 5% of the time there are issues that you can't win, because you're going to know people on both sides and you have to make a decision and sometimes it's very difficult, but all in all it's very rewarding and a great learning experience. He said he'll continue to work with the Mayor and the rest of the Council and with Councilwoman Quillman and Councilman Giarrante and everyone here to move Joliet forward. He said it's a pleasure to serve with everyone up here.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she would like to echo those sentiments as well and congratulations to all the Council members and especially to our new Councilwoman Susie Barber. She said she's not the lone ranger anymore, we now have two women on the City Council and she believes it's the first time two women have sat on the same Council at the same time. She also said congratulations to our wonderful Mayor Arthur Schultz.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said that next month he will be with the City 45 years. He said he started out walking the beat and he used to go into Sears and the Bishop was in there selling appliances and they used to talk all the time. He said he and Reverend Singleton go way back. He said one other person when he started 45 years ago that's in this room tonight is his wife. He said it'll be 45 years raising all his children, a daughter who's the County Clerk and a son who's on the Park District Board. He thanked everyone for coming tonight and said God Bless you all.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that the Council adjourn.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

(Motion duly reduced to writing and read)

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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