

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 2nd day of June, A.D. 2009***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, June 2, 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 Pastor Herb Brooks Jr., St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 104 E. Zarley Boulevard, Joliet, Illinois.

Pastor Brooks then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILWOMAN SUSIE 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 and COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK.

ABSENT: DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

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 Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 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, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated the Land Use Committee met on May 14th and the developer who is proposing the Country Club Villas project off of Spencer Road came in and asked us to look at changing the project to a multi-family, rental apartment complex. He said that was never the intent of the project; it's a good project and it sits around the golf course and we'd like to see them try to go ahead with it. He said luckily he has not built very many buildings so he's not sitting there with 10 buildings that are at risk from financing. He said he's only got a couple buildings up and he thinks he has at least one tenant. He said we told him we preferred him not to do that.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they talked about the Neighborhood Stabilization Program on land acquisition. He said Councilman Brophy has been very interested in that and he asked him if he wanted to say anything about it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said they're doing a good job. He said he thinks we've got 8 properties in hand, if they're not closed on they are under contract and we have to insure these properties while we own them. He said we have secured quotes from local insurance agents and have accepted the low bid from a local agent and we will obviously be using local contractors to do the rehab and repair work which is moving along. He asked the Director of Community and Economic Development if he has a status report.

Director of Community and Economic Development James Haller said we talked about the problem we were having getting drawdowns from the Federal government and Neighborhood Services Director Alfredo Melesio said today we have been paid almost \$800,000 for the money that we spent, and that constitutes 99.75% of the money that we have expended, so the process is working well. He said we were granted \$3.5 million so we're well on our way to getting a lot of that money committed and getting some of these neighborhoods turned around.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he feels better now that we have the money in our pocket.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Committee also talked about homeowners associations. He said some of the associations are very viable and very busy and active and some aren't so much but they do have at least the skeleton there so that if they have an important issue come up they can bring that loosely held association into play rapidly and get things done. He said it's important that people have some kind of an organization so that we're listening to more than one voice. He said we have a rule now that if you develop a subdivision you have to have a homeowners association. He said we're experiencing problems right now from those subdivisions that did not have an association set up and so hopefully in the future we can get some kind of loosely held program where they will work together as an association of sorts.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said Fred Hintze who owns Central Park Subdivision at the East Frontage Road on I-55 indicated he was going to try to do something with it. He said it has a lot of floodplain on it and he wants to try to sell it and if he gets it done properly and gets a buyer we're certainly not adverse to that. He said he's getting an extension on his loan and we've extended his project and didn't make any changes on it to speak of. He said we think we still have a chance to get something going there.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Development of Regional Importance (DRI) and CMAP have acquired the ability from the State of Illinois Legislature to get their teeth into any kind of a project of 500 acres or more that they could have some sway over whether it gets developed or not. He said those folks in Chicago are concerned about decentralization of Chicago, of people moving out of Chicago into the collar counties, and in that vein they are trying to stop any activity they can in the collar counties to counteract that. He said County Executive Larry Walsh, County Board Chairman Jim Moustis, the CED and our staff have all been involved with it and we are watching it closely and trying to get some help from the State so that they don't get frivolous with us and try to stop any kind of advancement or any kind of development just for their sake.

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Mr. Haller said they were also talking about putting in a provision with whatever they adopt that they would review it after a two year period to see if it needs to be modified. He said it's still in a state of flux and we're still trying to get it fine tuned so it's not onerous on us out here in suburbia.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they attended several CED meetings and they said they are going to fight hard to try to keep us from getting hurt by it. He asked Mr. Haller if he had anything else he wanted to comment on.

Mr. Haller said they talked about insurance quotes they get for Neighborhood Services properties. He said they talked about the sale of property at Ruby and Bluff. He said they also talked about the City looking at properties for sale that are under \$50,000 and making sure that we get them inspected and that whoever buys them does the necessary improvements to the property and gets the proper permits. He said the Land Use Committee voted to allow us to go to a bid process instead of a formal bid specification process for the asbestos removal at 12-14 New Street which is on tonight's agenda.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if there is anything remarkable to report on the inspections that they've done so far.

Mr. Haller said so far there's nothing out of the ordinary, everyone seems to be complying with the need to get building permits and they're keeping an eye on it.

B. Public Service

COUNCILMAN TURK said the Public Service Committee's agenda was discussed at yesterday's Pre-Council meeting, therefore there is no report.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)
Modification No. 5 – Modification to the 2009 Districts 1 and 4
Neighborhood Improvement Programs
(Council Memo #463-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the following modifications to the 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program:

- 1) District 1: Add the Mirage Subdivision Detention Basin Silt Removal Project (\$7,900.00), the County Line Road/Mirage Subdivision Box Culvert Grating/Erosion Control Fence System (\$7,000.00) and the Cumberland Subdivision Monument Entry Sign Project (\$12,000.00).
- 2) District 4: Add the Joliet Park District reimbursement for the Pilcher Park Nature Center Speaker (\$2,000.00).

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement for 2.3 Acres at 765 Caton Farm Road (North Side of Caton Farm Road, approximately 1,300 ft. East of Ridge Road)

1. A RESOLUTION Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement for 2.3 Acres at 765 Caton Farm Road (North Side of Caton Farm Road, approximately 1,300 ft. East of Ridge Road) as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-5-09/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #466-09)

The Deputy City Clerk noted that this is a public hearing so any comments would be in order at this time.

The City Manager said they do have four nearby residents in the audience tonight that reside in the Autumn Fields Subdivision which is a single-family subdivision immediately to the north and east of this property. He said this is a 2.3 acre parcel of property on Caton Farm Road and there is a single-family home and a couple of out buildings on it and it was not annexed when the property that is now the Autumn Fields Subdivision was annexed several years ago. He said the residents apparently have some concerns about the R-B (Restricted Business) Zoning being proposed for this parcel and they have spoken to Jim Haller this evening. He said Mr. Haller had indicated that what we're proposing tonight is very similar to what we've done for other outlots on Caton Farm Road that are surrounded by single family homes and we've allowed office type development but not retail type development or 24 hour restaurants or anything like that to go on those parcels.

The City Manager said this particular parcel is coming before the Council because our annexation agreement with the developer required the developer to improve Caton Farm Road in front of this house so we don't have to go back and make this property owner pay for improvements that should have been triggered by the developer. He said the developer has already paid us for the value of what it would take to improve the road and we've met with the owners and they have agreed to dedicate the right-of-way that's needed for the widening of Caton Farm Road and in the future if they decide to sell the house and the property, then whomever buys it would have the option of developing this in the R-B (Restricted Business) classification for an office building. He said there are no plans right now for the development of the property and they want to continue living there. He said there is some commercial activity going on in the area with Plainfield South High School immediately across the street. He said it's a well lit area from what he understands and we are trying to work on that too. He said

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they feel comfortable recommending this zoning. He said he hopes Mr. Haller has explained that to the residents and if they would like to talk a little more they would be happy to come out and meet with them. He said if these folks would like to say something this would be the appropriate time to do it.

A woman in the audience said they just don't want it.

The City Manager said they have been real clear and we'll certainly work with them. He said it's going to look the same as it is until the owners sell it and they have no plans to sell right now. He said the only change the residents may see is the completion of that stretch of Caton Farm Road widening in front of this property and the remainder of the subdivision.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said as it sits right now and if we don't annex it, what could they put in there.

The Corporation Counsel said it would have Kendall County residential zoning, so it would be residential development only out in the County so there might be some semi-ag uses which there kind of is now with the outbuildings but no commercial use is currently permitted there.

The City Manager said the staff is still recommending that we enter into the Pre-Annexation Agreement. He said the property won't be annexed now, there won't be any annexation until there is a development plan and most likely that won't come until we see the economy change and a developer would like to put a small office building there. He said when that happens it would be bermed, there would be separation and we would make sure the lighting wouldn't interfere with their back yards. He said we'll make sure Mr. Haller and his staff follow up with the four residents present and see if we can make sure that they're protected.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if there were any further comments, and being none, he closed the public hearing.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA 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, COUNCILWOMAN
BARBER, COUNCILMAN BROPHY and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6270)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. 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:
109 Fourth Avenue, 552 Market Street and 414 Morgan Street.

(Council Memo #470-09)

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The City Manager said it's our recommendation that we amend the Ordinance that is attached to add 414 Morgan Street to the list.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinance be adopted as amended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16479)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary Plat of Cherry Hill Business Park West Subdivision Unit 4 (#P-1-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #471-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Final Plat of Cherry Hill Business Park West Subdivision Unit 4 (#FP-1-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #471-09)
4. Ordinance re: Approving the Recording Plat of Cherry Hill Business Park West Subdivision Unit 4 (#RP-1-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #471-09)

These items were approved at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution re: Authorizing the Allocation of 2009 CHDO Set Aside Funds to Cornerstone Services, Inc. and the Execution of the HOME Investment Partnership Agreement Between the City of Joliet and Cornerstone Services, Inc.
(Council Memo #475-09)

This item was approved at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for Asbestos Removal at 12 – 14 New Street
(Council Memo #479-09)

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 Universal Asbestos Removal, Inc. in the amount of \$19,750.00.

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2. Award of Contract for the Repair to the No. 1 Pump at Ecolab Lift Station
(Council Memo #480-09)

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. 100446 in the amount of \$8,949.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$9,939.00 on behalf of Gasvoda & Associates, Inc.

3. Award of Contract for the Mirage Subdivision Siltation Removal Improvements – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #481-09)

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 Gregg W. Dobczyk Excavating in the amount of \$7,500.00.

4. Award of Contract for the County Line Road/Mirage Subdivision Debris Fence System Improvements – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #482-09)

A report on two proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Alliance Fence Corp. in the amount of \$6,700.00.

5. Authorization to Purchase Mobile Computers for the Public Utilities Department
(Council Memo #484-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to CDS Office Technologies in the amount of \$14,757.00.

6. Award of Contract for the Holmes Avenue (Woodruff – 500' South) Roadway Improvement Project – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #485-09)

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 \$112,497.79.

7. Award of Contract and Approve Payment No. 1 and Final for the Installation of Streetlights on Mason/Meadow Wood/Westport – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #486-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the contract for the installation of five contemporary style streetlights on Mason Avenue, Meadow Wood Drive and Westport Drive in the Timberview Subdivision; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$14,405.10 on behalf of

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Commonwealth Edison Co.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if these lights are going to be the standard ComEd lights or are they going to be decorative lights.

Director of Public Works Jim Trizna said they are going to be the same type of lights that are in that neighborhood right now, it's a ComEd light but it's a decorative ComEd light.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if they are the same ones that are on Buell Avenue in the Cathedral area.

Mr. Trizna said no, these are more of a contemporary decorative light, not the same short ones on Buell. He said they exist in that neighborhood right now, we're just adding to it because there's not enough lighting. He said they will all match exactly what's in that neighborhood right now.

8. Award of Professional Service Contract for the 2009 Bridge Inspection Program
(Council Memo #487-09)

A report on four proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Willett Hofmann & Associates in the amount of \$5,450.00.

9. Award of Contract for the Carson (U.S. Route 30 – Glenwood/Division) Roadway Improvement Project – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #488-09)

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 P.T. Ferro Construction Co. in the amount of \$84,898.96.

10. Award of Contract for the Avalon Avenue (West End – East End) Roadway Improvements Project – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #489-09)

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 P.T. Ferro Construction Co. in the amount of \$129,932.63.

11. Authorization to Install Safety Devices and Pay Emergency Repairs for the Air Conditioner Units for the Police Building
(Council Memo #490-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve payment in the amount of \$5,526.80 for work performed on behalf of Johnson Controls.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 to the Contract for Weed Cutting and Clean-Up of City Owned Properties
(Council Memo #495-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$3,215.00 on behalf of Culpeppers Lawn Works.

2. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2008-2009 Leak Detection Services Contract
(Council Memo #496-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order No. 98634 in the amount of \$22,475.00 on behalf of M.E. Simpson Company, Inc.

3. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2009 Lawn Mowing Services Contract for Public Utilities
(Council Memo #497-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$14,984.00 on behalf of From the Ground Up Construction.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Golf Road Water Main Project - 2009
(Council Memo #498-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$30,485.00 on behalf of J.S. Alberico Construction Co.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we've had a lot of activity and meetings in a couple of subdivisions with respect to a potential special service area as well as the medians that lie in the City street right-of-ways, particularly Cumberland Subdivision. He said he had about 20 phone calls on that issue and everyone understood the process and a couple of them were very unhappy with the process. He said he wants people to know that they should not be bullied by anybody, if they have an issue that they want to bring up with this City you should be able to bring it up regardless of what side of the issue you're on. He said the City Manager went to a meeting last night with respect to that subdivision and he got some calls today and most of them are very reasonable but some of them feel that they have to intimidate people who have an opinion. He said he doesn't care what you're opinion is, you have the right to come to this City as a citizen and bring your opinion and you have a right as a citizen in your homeowners group, you have the right to be heard. He said he's looked at the medians many times and he assumes that the developer built those and put the plantings in and they are very nice.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said Councilman Uremovic's district is part of that also. He said he had the comment from someone that two of us are trying to run the area and he made it real clear that we are responding to the homeowners concerns and everybody who has a vote in the City of Joliet has five representatives which includes the 3 At-Large Council people, the Mayor and their particular Councilman so you have five people you can respond to or call anytime you have a problem with the City. He said he's trying to get residents and the homeowners associations to help the City maintain some of the parkways and plantings and some of them already do that. He said some residents in Cumberland said they would help us and based on financial considerations they asked that maybe the City of Joliet provide the flowers and plantings as needed, drop them off and they'll plant them and take care of them. He said he thinks it's a legitimate request. He said he has some people who are adamantly opposed and say the City should be out there 3 or 4 times a year and do this but the City is not in a position to say we'll do this 3 or 4 times a year, if we end up doing it ourselves we'll do it as we can. He said right now someone is doing it and it looks real nice.

The City Manager said volunteers from the Cumberland Subdivision are doing it and have been doing it for years. He said it was clear that there is a lot of frustration on the part of the residents and we're trying to help bring them together.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said on Sunday she went to the Empress employee picnic and the employees couldn't say enough about Frank Quigley. She said she would like to commend not only Mr. Quigley but all of his employees; they gave over 5,000 hours of community service while they've been off these past three months. She said they are going to open temporarily on June 25th and they just can't wait to get back to work. She said Mr. Quigley has only been in this town a couple of years but he has certainly made his mark and is a real asset to this community and she would like to thank him.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Corporation Counsel if he could review the ordinances that pertain to parking campers and trailers. He said summer is here and he's getting the calls of "When is my neighbor going to move his camper".

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The Corporation Counsel said as far as the storage of large boats, motor homes or campers (pop-up or trailer), our ordinances are pretty simple. He said in general they do allow the storage of operable equipment whether it be campers or large boats on a paved surface behind the front of a home. He said so it could be in your driveway along the side of a house or in the back but not in the front yard. He said that would handle probably 90% of the cases out there so it is permitted. He said we do have size limits though on very large boats and very large motor homes and campers and essentially that would be if a boat or motor home exceeds 25 ft. in length excluding the trailer and bumpers, you need to find alternate storage. He said there are a few locations in town that cater to the storage of RV's and boats.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said most of the calls are those that are parked in the driveway in front of the front elevation of the home.

The Corporation Counsel said and sometimes those types of things can remain in a yard unused for many years and if they're on a grassy surface or if they're inoperable and weeds are growing underneath the vehicle that is against our ordinances too.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we do give them a few days to clean them or prepare them for a trip and that kind of thing.

The Corporation Counsel said yes, if you do have a very large camper for example that can't be stored in a residential zone, our ordinances will allow you to bring that on to your property for a few days so you can load it and after your trip you have another few days to unload it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he will be out of town on a personal matter and will not be here for the next meetings on Monday or Tuesday.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked the Corporation Counsel to clarify with respect to parking a boat in the yard and people being able to pave an area. He said he never was quite clear on whether or not you have to go behind the garage on the concrete or if you could go to the side of the garage and do it and it's still in the front yard.

The Corporation Counsel said the rule is we don't allow permanent storage of campers or boats in the required front yard so for most residential properties in Joliet it would be the front 30 ft. of a property. He said basically from the front of the house towards the street is a no storage zone in terms of permanent parking or storage.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said so you can't do it in the setback for all intents and purposes.

The Corporation Counsel said that's right, it has to be along the house or behind the front of the house adjacent to a detached garage for many people but it can't be in the front yard.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS asked the Director of Neighborhood Services if there is anything new on 414 Morgan Street.

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The Director of Neighborhood Services said he left it yesterday that he was going to meet with Henry Morris from the Housing Authority but they had to reschedule. He said he did talk to the residents about a half hour ago regarding their family size, phone numbers and what they qualify for and what the progress has been in their efforts trying to find places on their own. He said it's really a work in progress and we are continuing to move forward.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he had the opportunity to go out and meet with the residents and this landlord is just absolutely horrible. He said she is an absentee landlord who will tell Mr. Melesio one story one hour and another one the next. He said she even told him yesterday that everything had been fixed and no one had ever been out there. He said he would like to make sure that when landlords like this come along and they just blatantly lie and disrespect the residents and what they're supposed to do to keep that place up, that somehow they just can't be a landlord in the City of Joliet. He said to live in a very nice place in Lockport and to have four families dealing with sewage in their sinks and tubs is just wrong. He said Friday when he was out there she told the City she would have somebody out there and everything would be operational by Saturday. He said she didn't show up and said that the residents chased her away; totally not true. He said we need to do something very drastic for this landlord because she is disrespecting these residents and is not someone we really want to own property in the City of Joliet.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he also was out at the Empress picnic Sunday along with COUNCILMAN TURK and their wives and it was very nice. He said kudos should go out to Capt. Houseman who was there with the arson dog and Jim Boyd was out there and they had an ambulance and an engine and we're showing the kids everything.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE then wished his wife Rose a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the Council recess to closed session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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