

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois  
held on the 3rd day of September, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Pastor Karl Hess, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 310 N. Broadway Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Pastor Hess 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 BROPHY moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

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. City-County Advisory

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated they are in the process of scheduling a meeting.

B. Communication, Technology and Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said the Committee met and had a significant agenda with various items that are all continued and they will be scheduling another meeting as soon as possible.

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C. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated the Land Use Committee met on August 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated Senator A.J. Wilhelmi was present at the meeting and they discussed a plan for the Collins Street Prison redevelopment along with Steve Bandolik of Platinum Realty and Bill Ryan of the Rosin Group.

The City Manager explained that Council Memo #1057-08 is on this evening's agenda and deals with entering into an agreement with Platinum Realty for the potential acquisition and development of the site

Planning Director Don Fisher said he has been working with Mr. Bandolik for about two years on trying to put together a plan for the eventual redevelopment of the prison property and looking at the feasibility of the property and whether it's in the best interest of the City of Joliet to acquire the property from the State of Illinois. He said Mr. Bandolik is going to do a PowerPoint presentation on who he is and what other projects he's done. He then introduced Senator Wilhelmi who has been working with him and the Collins Street Taskforce on this project.

Senator A. J. Wilhelmi stated he is here as one of the co-chairs of the Collins Street Taskforce. He said they have discussed the property that is owned by the State of Illinois which has been declared surplus and what do they do from here. He said the building was built in 1866 and has a lot of history and a lot of architectural and historical significance. He said they have probably had about 50 meetings on the subject and they realized a couple of years ago that this needs to be a public/private partnership. He said they then found Mr. Bandolik who showed an interest in Joliet beyond the prison walls but certainly an interest in this prison and what it can become for Joliet. He said he is impressed with Mr. Bandolik's projects and the passion he brings to the City of Joliet.

Mr. Steven Bandolik of Platinum Realty introduced Bill Ryan, one of his partners, and said he will also be joined by a number of local and national partners throughout this process to benefit the City of Joliet. He said since 2002 the Joliet Correctional Center has been closed and it has been a goal of the City of Joliet to foster the redevelopment of the site. He said they have made several tours of the facility and have worked closely with City of Joliet staff and Senator Wilhelmi. He said the advisory agreement will allow Platinum Realty Partners and the City of Joliet to evaluate the feasibility of the acquisition and redevelopment scenarios for this property which includes advice on the potential transfer of the property from the State of Illinois to the City of Joliet. He said redevelopment of the prison property would be an important catalyst for additional mixed used redevelopment projects on the northeast side of Joliet. He then did a PowerPoint presentation on his background and projects he has worked on in the past. He said one of his projects was in Rosemont, Illinois near O'Hare Airport called the Riverway which is one million sq. ft. with four different buildings. He said he is currently with Platinum Realty Partners which is an Illinois based investment and development firm and he is currently working on a project in Richmond, California which is the re-use of a former navy base.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the project he did in Rosemont was a former landfill and he wanted to highlight that they were able to convert that into a viable project. He said it seems these folks have some development potential and Joliet obviously is important to them. He then asked the City Manager where we are going from here.

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The City Manager stated the staff is recommending that we proceed with an Advisory Agreement with Platinum Realty which is an 18 month agreement which basically gives us an opportunity to work with Mr. Bandolik on a development agreement. He said Mr. Bandolik will be working with his partners to see if there is a development opportunity out there, bring the proposal back to the staff and to the City Council and if it looks like there is a project that could happen, then we'd negotiate a development agreement and at that point we would start incurring costs. He said at this point there would be no fees charged to us, this is merely exploratory to see if there is an opportunity. He said we are very confident that this is a good opportunity for us to bring in some outside help to help us make contacts in the market especially now with the tough economic times because it's a little bit more difficult to attract developers. He said we think this hard to re-use piece of property has a great opportunity for development and through Mr. Bandolik's efforts he should be able to bring us some opportunities. He said we will work exclusively with Mr. Bandolik's firm on trying to bring a proposal back to the City Council at which point we will start incurring fees.

1. A RESOLUTION Approving an Advisory Agreement between the City of Joliet and Platinum Realty Partners, LLC concerning the Potential Acquisition and Development of the Joliet Correctional Facility Located on Collins Street was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1057-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated she thinks this is going to be a great project and she is very excited.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she is very, very excited about this. She said it is in her district and it is a long time coming and she welcomed them to whatever they are going to do for her district.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6168)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Land Use Committee discussed the proposal for the Laraway Road vacation with attorney Dick Kavanagh on behalf of Waste Management. He said they have some agreement with Olin Chemical to remediate the Olin stacks and are talking about the reduction in landfill and changing of landfill but basically the discussion was the vacation of Laraway Road, west of Patterson Road.

The City Manager said this is a request that has been filed by Waste Management with the Joliet Township Highway Commissioner. He said that portion of the Waste Management and Olin Chemical properties are in unincorporated Will County and Waste Management has an agreement with Olin to take over Olin's property and once that's assembled with the Waste Management property, there will be 900 acres there under the control of Waste

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Management. He said Laraway Road is currently dedicated, a 66 ft. right-of-way, but it is not really in use by anybody other than Waste Management. He said under normal circumstances we probably wouldn't have any concerns but our comprehensive plan for that area shows the extension of Laraway Road being made someday and then crossing over the DesPlaines River to tie in with Houbolt (Empress Road) cutting through the first industrial property. He said we met with Waste Management officials again yesterday to review the proposal. He said the hearing is scheduled for this Friday before the Highway Commissioner for Joliet Township and it is our understanding that he has the sole discretion to vacate the road if he deems it to be in the best interest of his constituents. He said we are trying to preserve our objection at this point but we are going to appear at the hearing on Friday to ask for additional time to continue working with Waste Management and to see if there is something we could work out with them if they decide to proceed with the vacation.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what are our rights.

The City Manager said we really are merely an adjacent municipality and don't have any direct property rights where we could stop the proceeding; we can merely voice our opinion and that's what we'd like to do on Friday. He said at this point we're willing to work with Waste Management because we understand that what they'd like to do is to take some contaminated area that has gone through a lot through the years with Olin Chemical and they will be able to remediate some of the contamination. He said the big pile of dirt that we see from I-80 and Rt. 53 is basically a big gypsum stack and is a low level radioactive site with very little opportunity to develop that in the future. He said the commitment that Waste Management has made with the County is to re-contour the site, expand it and also work on the former ESL Landfill that was very controversial many years ago. He said it has a lot of contaminants in it and it was a hazardous landfill. He said this will be a good opportunity for a clean-up to take place and the other thing Waste Management will do is they will cover the stack that appears to be an "over-sized pitching mound" right now, it's just dirt. He said they'll be able to plant grass or plants on it and turn it over to either the Forest Preserve some day or some other open space entity that can make it into an active park. He said it is something that is worth looking at and staff will be working with them to see if there is a way to preserve a path just in case we ever do a high level bridge across the Des Plaines.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said there is a term if you're using asbestos that it becomes "friable" once you mess with it and it gets in the air versus it being inert where it sits and if you don't bother it it's fine. He said he wants to know if moving the piles causes any of that "friability" to go off into the air into the distance, and he would like to know what that would entail if in fact that happens

The City Manager said we've asked them to provide that information to us. He said the biggest challenge here is the water run-off where when it rains it hits that exposed stack and the phosphorous that's on that stack has a tendency to drain. He said there is a fairly elaborate draining process but it is an environmental concern that will be made better if Waste Management is allowed to proceed with what they'd like to do. He said right now Olin Chemical is not under any IEPA order or USEPA order to change the stack. He said this is an opportunity that Waste Management would like to take because they can do more with some of the other Olin property that's in that footprint.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA said while we don't have any legal standing apparently, he thinks we have an interest in what can happen if any movement takes place. He said he thinks we have some kind of a standing in that regard.

The City Manager said it's through intergovernmental cooperation with the Township. He said we hope that we'll have standing and we've contacted the County to see what their plans are and they're looking at it too so there will be representation at the meeting on Friday. He said we'll indicate that the City Council would still like to look at this and it will be brought back to the Land Use Committee at their next meeting and we'll have the Waste Management official there to give us a better explanation.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Committee also discussed a request from the Village of Plainfield regarding The Boulevard. He said Mayor Waldorf was here and also Alex Harris, the Village Manager from Plainfield, and he asked the City Manager to explain.

The City Manager said this is a project that the Mayor and Council have previously seen that is located at the former truck stop at U.S. 30 and I-55. He said the truck stop has been closed for quite some time, it's vacant and a lot of the structures have been taken down and there are more to go. He said it is all under one ownership and involves about 160 acres of land, with about 20 acres in the City of Joliet and the balance in the Village of Plainfield. He said the City Council approved a plat last year that calls for the development of a lifestyle type mall at that property. He said what the developer did from there was to take the plan to IDOT and they reviewed the \$16.5 million of improvements that will be made to U.S. 30 and that will be done at the developer's expense including U.S. 30 on the Joliet portion of the boundary line. He said IDOT came back, approved the proposed improvements to Route 30 but also came back and asked for additional improvements to the I-55 exit ramp on the northbound lanes and the exit ramp on the southbound lanes. He said the cost of that improvement would be about \$1 million. He said the developer has indicated he would like for the municipalities to help out and Plainfield has approached the City of Joliet to see if they would be willing to consider contributing the million dollars for the improvements. He said we have looked at that and it does have some merit because it's an improvement that's needed. He said we all know the interchange system along I-55 corridor all needs improvement all the way up and down from the northern boundary of Will County down to the southern boundary and this will be a good chance for us to do that. He said we'll certainly work with the owners of the Westfield Shopping Mall and talk to them about it because there will be some benefits for them also by having a better ramping system off the interstate. He said that's a project that will come back to the City Council in the next month or two.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the sweet spot in it is the 22 acres that we have which comes right off of I-55 and Route 30 and would be the most developable portion. He said if we come in and help with those two off ramps it also frees up the Plainfield portion where they can go up to Renwick Road and begin some commercial activity up there, but we clearly have the best portion of the property. He said the Committee felt that we ought to take a look at it and have the Council mull that over so we would have some recommendation for the next meeting.

The City Manager said he asked Plainfield to give us an intergovernmental agreement and we'll bring that back to the Council once staff has ok'd it.

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D. Public Safety

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated he gave a report at the last meeting and the items he referred to at that time are included in Council Memos #1069-08, #1070-08, #1071-08 and #1072-08, and they are asking that these memos be approved.

E. 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 had a discussion on the Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group and will probably have a recommendation on a resolution at our next meeting.

F. Water Park

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he has been in contact with the Director of the Joliet Park District and he is putting some final numbers together and should have them at the next meeting.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Position Vacancies  
(Council Memo #1042-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill one Public Safety Dispatcher position, one Information Clerk position and any subsequent vacancies directly related to these positions.

B. Treasurer's Report – July, 2008

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the report be received and placed on file.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – July 26 – August 8, 2008 - \$3,120,729.18  
(Council Memo #1045-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period July 26, 2008 through August 8, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period July 18, 2008 through July 31, 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.

- B. Regular Payroll – August 9 – August 22, 2008 - \$3,071,295.61  
(Council Memo #1046-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period August 9, 2008 through August 22, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period August 1, 2008 through August 14, 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 GIARRANTE moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

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

(None)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Authorizing an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with Blu Bar, LLC for the Operation of a Sports-Themed Bar and Grill Located at Union Station was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1051-08)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked for an explanation.

The City Manager stated the developer of Bar Blu is nearing their opening date and should be open within a week or two. He said there was a clause in the lease agreement that required the owner of the restaurant to post a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$37,440 as a security deposit. He said since the signing of the agreement the developer has invested \$75,000 in improvements in the space at Union Station, including a stainless steel bar, mahogany wood and

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stone flooring along with bathroom improvements, etc. and the developer has requested that those improvements stand in place of the Letter of Credit that would be posted as a security deposit, and if there were a problem we would be allowed to keep those new improvements for future use by the City or a subsequent tenant. He said staff has reviewed this and is recommending that the request be granted.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked if any of our staff has been in there and looked to see if it's as far along as we're led to believe.

The Director of Community and Economic Development stated he and Planning Director Don Fisher were there last week. He said it's incredible what they've done in there and they've put a lot of high quality things in there. He said the bathrooms were just about finished and are very, very nice. He said there are high quality materials on the floor and real nice furniture. He said they have put the time and effort in there and they had a whole crew working very hard to get it finished. He said his thought is they will make their September deadline.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6169)

2. A RESOLUTION Declaring Certain City of Joliet Vehicles as Surplus and Selling the Vehicles for Scrap was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1052-08)

(RESOLUTION NO. 6170)

3. A RESOLUTION Declaring Certain City of Joliet Fire Equipment as Surplus and Donating it to the Panama City Fire Department was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1053-08)

(RESOLUTION NO. 6171)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolutions be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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4. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Release of Executive Session Minutes was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1054-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6172)

5. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement with Thayer Brothers Deli for an Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition Mural was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1054-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked for an explanation.

The City Manager stated 2009 will be the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth and there are many organizations that are celebrating. He said the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition that is affiliated with the Northern Illinois Tourism and Development office has contacted the City and they are offering grant programs to put signage up along the Lincoln Highway. He said they are working with about 40 communities in Illinois and providing \$10,000 grants to put up interpretative murals in key locations. He said Thayer Brothers at six corners is at a key intersection and the Highway Coalition has identified that along with our staff as a good location for the mural.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the commercial setbacks at the adjacent property are such that we may be fairly certain it wouldn't be covered by a building if and when that corner is ever developed. He asked if the setback to the north allows the mural to remain visible.

The Corporation Counsel said it's commercial zoning and there would be a setback and it would be a parking lot so we expect the site line to be maintained.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if we are going to get an idea of what this is going to look like before it's put up.

The City Manager said he has asked staff to make sure that we get a look at it before it goes up. He said we promised that we would not try to micro manage the appearance of it but we would like to see it before it goes up. He said we'll get it to the Council and you can tell us whether you have concerns or not.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6173)

6. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Conveyance of Local Homestead Property at 121 Mississippi Avenue was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1056-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if the owners of the property were here tonight.

The Neighborhood Services Director read a letter from the owners, Bertha Solorzano and Manuel Munoz, thanking the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to be able to own their own home.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6174)

7. Resolution re: Approving an Advisory Agreement between the City of Joliet and Platinum Realty Partners, LLC concerning the Potential Acquisition and Development of the Joliet Correctional Facility Located on Collins Street

(Council Memo #1057-08)

This item was approved earlier in the meeting.

**BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Award of Contracts**

1. Award of Contract for the Edgecreek Subdivision Drainage Improvements – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1061-08)

A report on nine 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 \$28,832.00.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if this drainage issue has anything to do with the water tower that is going to be going up, or is this a totally separate issue.

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The Director of Public Utilities stated it is a separate issue.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said as long as we're on the subject, how are we coming with that. She said she knows there were some problems with the township and they were going to petition the township at a meeting and she asked if that ever came to fruition.

The Director of Public Utilities said that's a related matter on installation of a watermain on Golf Road and that matter is still pending. He said the contract for the water tower has been awarded. He said steel is being fabricated at this time and we expect this fall for the foundation to go in on the site and steel erection would take place over the winter. He said they haven't been informed of any delays at this time and they don't expect construction on the site to begin until later in the fall.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked what he thinks would be the completion date.

The Director of Public Utilities said they are still shooting for June of 2009.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the other issue with the petitions is separate from this.

The Director of Public Utilities said yes, that was a contract to install watermain on Golf Road.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she thought that was tied in to the right-of-way for the water tower.

The Director of Public Utilities said no, that's not City right-of-way at that point. He said that's controlled by New Lenox Township.

2. Authorization for the Purchase of Computer and Software Upgrades for the Engineering Division  
(Council Memo #1062-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize the purchase of the subscription renewals for 10 AutoCAD 2009 licenses from DLT Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$7,206.01.

3. Authorization to Make Emergency Repairs to the No. 1 Pump at Eco Lab Lift Station  
(Council Memo #1063-08)

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. 96264 in the amount of \$7,310.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$8,300.00 on behalf of Gasvoda and Associates.

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4. Award of Contract for the 2008 Union Metal Purchase Order  
(Council Memo #1064-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Union Metal Corp. in the amount of \$49,082.00.

5. Award of Contract for the 2008 LUMEC Purchase Order  
(Council Memo #1065-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Lumec in the amount of \$57,480.00.

6. Award of Contract for the 2008 Electrical Materials Purchase Order  
(Council Memo #1066-08)

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 Helsel-Jepperson Electric Supply in the amount of \$50,241.20.

7. Award of Contract for the 2008 Traffic Signal Materials Purchase Order  
(Council Memo #1067-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Traffic Control Corporation in the amount of \$36,188.00.

8. Authorization for Purchase of Equipment for Joliet Volunteer Television (JVTV)  
(Council Memo #1068-08)

A report on three quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the purchase of four Sony HVRZ7U HDV Camcorders from B & H Photo-Video in the amount of \$21,514.80.

9. Authorization to Purchase "T3" Personal Mobility Electric Vehicles  
(Council Memo #1069-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the purchase of four "T3" vehicles from T3 Motion Incorporated in the amount of \$45,767.32.

10. Authorization to Purchase Video Monitoring Equipment  
(Council Memo #1070-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the purchase of video surveillance monitoring equipment to Sentinel Technologies in the amount of \$92,515.00.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said back when we started the program to have all 33 of the City's facilities wirelessly connected, we weren't sure how much of the bandwidth it would take up and how much we'd have available for other uses. He asked the City Manager if he could add that to the next Communications, Technology Committee agenda just to review where we are with that and see how much of it we can still take advantage of.

11. Authorization to Purchase Electronic Surveillance Equipment  
(Council Memo #1071-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the purchase of covert electronic surveillance equipment to Recon Robotics in the amount of \$11,565.00.

12. Authorization to Paint the Interior of Fire Station No. 1  
(Council Memo #1072-08)

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 Am-Coat Painting in the amount of \$14,350.00.

13. Authorization for Rental of Golf Carts for Race Events at  
Chicagoland Speedway  
(Council Memo #1073-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize the following: 1) Payment to Chicagoland Speedway for the rental of golf carts in the amount of \$6,919.51 for the July 10-12, 2008 races; and 2) Rental of golf carts for the September 5-7, 2008 race weekend from the Chicagoland Speedway for \$6,919.51.

14. Authorization for Approval for Right-of-Way Acquisition (Black  
Road)  
(Council Memo #1074-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the acquisition of the right-of-way from the Rousonelos Family for the connection of Black Road in the amount of \$126,409.00.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

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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B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Authorization to Approve Payment for Plumbing Services  
(Council Memo #1077-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve an increase to Purchase Order No. 95104 in the amount of \$1,231.50; and 2) Approve payments for the month of May for Cryer & Olsen Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$6,131.50.

2. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 2 for the Theodore Street at EJ & E Crossing Roadway Improvements Project  
(Council Memo #1078-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, a deduction in the amount of \$376.00 and Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$93,482.00 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked what the projected completion time is for the railroad crossing. She said the reason she is asking is because if that is sold will it still go forward.

The City Manager said yes it will go forward. He said the sale of the EJ&E to the Canadian National Corporation will not have any impact on this project. He said this project will move forward according to schedule.

The Director of Public Works said the project right now is essentially complete, the roadway has been paved, the curbs have been added and there is a median down the center that sets us up for a quiet zone. He said essentially there is just some landscape restoration to complete and we have to put some pylons on the median, but we are essentially completed at this point and the road is back open to traffic.

The City Manager said this was part of the contract that the Council approved at the last meeting where there will be a reimbursement of expenses by the Canadian National to the City of Joliet for the quiet zone improvements that are being made as part of this project, assuming the Transportation Board in Washington approves the deal. He said this is not the line where you'll see the heavy train traffic, it's a line that will be owned by the Canadian National and that's why our staff asked them to cover this also as well as the other six at-grade crossings.

COUNCILMAN TURK said he knows there are some hearings coming up for the Canadian National Railway and he asked when will it go to the board in Washington for a vote.

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The City Manager said Canadian National is pushing for a vote prior to the end of 2008. He said it looks like the process could drag out a little bit longer and this may go into 2009, so we're probably looking at the first or second quarter of 2009. He said it's not a process that we have any control over, we're just basing it on what we see through the information we are receiving from the Surface Transportation Board.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said there was a request for a quiet zone in Heritage Lakes and also out in the area toward Caton Ridge, and he asked if this is affected by this.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said this one was unique because that whole line comes from downtown Plainfield and goes all the way to Morris and they call it the River Line. He said it really only sees two trains a day, one in the morning and one comes back in the evening. He said those crossings in the City of Joliet would be the Caton Farm Road crossing and the Theodore Street crossing, and those would be only affected by two trains a day. He said because it's an extremely long spur line we don't expect with the sale to the CN that the traffic levels would ever change much on that line. He said even with that we said that is one of the areas where we have gotten complaints in the past so when we were negotiating our deal with the Canadian National we asked if they could include those two for quiet zones. He said at first they said no because its not going to be affected by the increase in traffic and then they said because you've been cooperative with us we will consider it. He said they took it back to their board and they agreed to fund the necessary improvements. He said so those two crossings won't be affected. He said the one by Heritage Lake is on the main line, it will see an increase in traffic if the railroad sale goes through and they may see an increase in traffic even if the "J" increases the amount, but it will be protected by quiet zones. He said in our agreement every single crossing in the City of Joliet would be covered by the quiet zone improvements.

3. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 2 for the Barber Court/Barber Lane/Campbell Street Roadway Improvements Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1079-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,462.00 and Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$113,077.94 on behalf of Construction by Camco.

4. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment Estimate No. 4 for the Taylor Street (Springfield-Westnedge)/Westnedge Road (Taylor-Douglas) Roadway Improvements Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1080-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$15,300.00 and Payment Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$43,157.09 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction.

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5. Approve Payment Request No. 1 and Final to Seward Township for the Jones Road Paving Project  
(Council Memo #1081-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Request No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$6,639.85 on behalf of Seward Township.

6. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 3 and Final for the 508 Meadow Wood/3216 - 3222 Jeffrey/6108 – 6114 Carmel Rear Yard Drainage – 2007 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1082-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,095.00 and Payment Estimate No. 3 and Final in the amount of \$14,782.55 on behalf of Austin Tyler Construction.

7. Approve Payment No. 2 and Final for the Bicentennial Park Decorative Entrance Pillars Repair - 2008  
(Council Memo #1083-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$599.25 on behalf of Wellner Construction.

8. Approve Change Order No. 12 for the Municipal Center Phase 2 Remodeling Project  
(Council Memo #1084-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 12 in the amount of \$1,063.70 on behalf of R.L. Sohol.

9. Approve Payment Request No. 2 and Final for the Jefferson/Collins Corridor Landscape Improvements Contract  
(Council Memo #1085-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Request No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$40,536.00 on behalf of Allied Landscaping.

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

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.

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LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

A. Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 2721 W. Jefferson Street  
(Council Memo #1088-08)

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Dan Campus explained Council Memo #1088-08 dealing with the Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 2721 W. Jefferson Street.

A communication from the Liquor Commissioner regarding the application of Sushiya Asian Cuisine, Corp. d/b/a Sushiya Asian Cuisine contained his recommendation that the issuance of this license is in the best interest of the City, and therefore, approval is recommended.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked if this was a sit-down restaurant or a buffet.

The Deputy Liquor Commissioner said it is a sit-down restaurant; there is a little sushi bar area where you can sit at but for the most part it's all seating.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the recommendation of the Liquor Commissioner be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR:

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked that former Councilman Alex Ledesma be allowed to address the Council at this time.

Mr. Alex Ledesma stated he is here on behalf of the Zavala family. He said their 16 year old son Raul was shot to death on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Henderson Avenue and Columbia Street and they are looking for any information that would lead to an arrest. He said Crime Stoppers provides up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest. He said the Zavala family is asking the Mayor and City Council if they would match the \$5,000 and bring it up to a \$10,000 reward and that might speed up the arrest and conviction of those individuals who took this young life.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if any request over \$5,000 has to go to the Finance Committee.

The Corporation Counsel said under our budget approval resolution every year we state that "routine" grant requests that exceed \$5,000.00 be referred to the Finance Committee and then presented to the Council as part of the budget process. He said on other occasions, especially in this type of situation with a reward request in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, the Council has approved the request. He said there is no way to know in advance that this situation would develop and there is an exception in the budget approval resolution for this type of situation, so it would be in order to consider it if that's the Council's wish.

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COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she doesn't have a problem with doing something for everybody. She said this young man was killed but she thinks that with the City Council putting up \$5,000, it should apply to the whole City of Joliet because over the last 5 or 6 months we have several people who have been shot and nothing has been done about it. She said she thinks if we are going to put this up, we need to put up a reward of \$5,000 for everybody that's been shot in the last year where there hasn't been an arrest made.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Police Chief if he knows if those other cases are unresolved and have the assailants been apprehended.

The Police Chief stated so far this year we've had four homicides and two of the homicides remain unresolved.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved to approve the Zavala family's request in this case since it's one of two.

MAYOR SCHULTZ stated he would like the hit and run on McDonough Street where the young lady was killed to be included in that.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked the Police Chief if the hit and run is one of them that he was talking about.

The Police Chief said that case is still unsolved. He said that's a hit and run accident, not a homicide.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the other one has sought help from Crime Stoppers.

The Police Chief said Crime Stoppers allows rewards up to \$5,000 for anonymous tips and it's up to their board to determine if that tip deserves the reward up to \$5,000. He said that is a new program that they started last year and after talking to law enforcement agencies we highly recommended that they increase the reward from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and they have done that. He said in this particular case the parents of the deceased victim have personally met with him and Mr. Ledesma. He said if the Council would see to a possible match of \$5,000, this could possibly help us. He said many times they don't always recommend that a reward be offered, it just depends on the status of the investigation. He said each case is different and we have to review each case to determine whether or not we think a reward increase could help, and in this case we think it would help.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said in light of the Police Chief's comments he would restrict his motion of a \$5,000.00 match to just this request. He asked if the City Manager could ask the Police or Finance if they could produce a report for us as to how many of these we've paid out on. He said he would like to know for budget reasons how many we have actually had to act on so we know what we're spending.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said last year we offered a reward for the young lady that was murdered in the park and she asked if that helped at all.

The Police Chief said no it has not; it is still unresolved.

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COUNCILWOMAN BARBER asked if the fatal shooting this year at the gas station at the corner of McDonough and Chicago Street is resolved.

The Police Chief said that case is not resolved.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if they have a suspect in jail.

The Police Chief said no, when a case is not resolved that means no one has been arrested in that case.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked regarding the case COUNCILWOMAN BARBER is talking about, you'll be bringing a recommendation to us if you feel the award would be beneficial.

The Police Chief said yes, he would like to review the status of that investigation and he'll meet with COUNCILWOMAN BARBER and if he thinks a reward would be necessary in that case and could help with the investigation, he will definitely bring that recommendation forward to you. He said he would really need to look at the status of the investigation, and he is not prepared to say if that case could use that at this point now.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said but in this particular case you think this would help.

The Police Chief said yes he does. He said he has personally met with the family and he thinks it would help at this particular time.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if he thinks it would help with the hit and run if we increased the reward.

The Police Chief said he thinks in that particular case it would help. He said it's a hit and run investigation and we have very little leads to go on. He said we've conducted very extensive canvasses in the area, done roadside checks and have contacted over 350 vehicles trying to locate any witnesses in that case and have yet to interview any witnesses. He said in that case an increase in the amount of reward would help us there also.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY amended his motion to include the case that COUNCILWOMAN BARBER is speaking of and the hit and run incident in which Melissa Lech was killed for a total of \$15,000, pending the Police Chief's review of those cases. He said his motion would include three matching rewards of \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 pending the Chief's review of the one case.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she agrees and if we don't include the other cases she thinks somebody's been left out. She asked if the Zavala family could step forward.

The Police Chief stated he thinks the family is a little reluctant to be in the public's eye at this particular time. He said they are going through a very difficult grieving process and there is some concern about gang retaliation in this particular investigation.

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Mr. Ledesma said the parents are not in any condition to come forward and speak right now.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he went to the Jackhammer's last game of the year on Sunday and even though we weren't in contention there were 5,000 people there. He said it was an excellent crowd and a lot of fun. He said COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN BROPHY and all their families were there.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA congratulated Ken Mihelich on the birth of his new baby.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said former Director of Management and Budget Bob Fraser has been making good use of his time being involved in Stepping Stones and helping those individuals and he was featured in their 2008 Summer Newsletter and he congratulated him on spending his time well and he thanked him for his efforts.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked Attorney Mike Hansen for an update on CenterPoint.

Mr. Hansen said the property acquisitions are proceeding along very well. He said on the Brandon/Schweitzer area they had 21 offers made with 13 accepted, two have closed and two more are pending acceptance which he thinks they will. He said three others are for extensions and there are possibly three in the area where they don't wish to close. He said they are still working on Brandon/Laraway. He said on Patterson/Schweitzer they have had two acceptances and still have two more to work on and are diligently working there. He said he thinks on Vetter Road they have one person they need to get back to that they are working with there. He said he thinks things are moving very well. He said there is great progress being made to the area. He said the union construction workers are getting the jobs going out there and it is really going full tilt and Autobahn Country Club is very happy with the setup they have out there. He said he appreciates any feedback or updates that anybody has.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the City Manager if Public Works staff could get him some details of the Essington Road widening. He said he had a call from someone who would like some information.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said in front of 68 N. Chicago Street the iron tree surround is broken and is a danger to pedestrians and he asked if they could replace that.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said there was also a complaint by JCA about damage done by ComEd to their sidewalk on Ingalls Avenue going east toward Our Lady of Angels. He asked staff to investigate.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said he would like to cancel the Regular Council Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> and have everything done on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved to cancel the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for September 16, 2008.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that the Council adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

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.

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ARTHUR SCHULTZ  
Mayor

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JANET K. TRAVEN  
City Clerk

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