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PRE-COUNCIL MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois was held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

I. ROLL CALL:


ABSENT: Councilwoman Bettye Gavin, Councilman Terry Morris.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager James D. Hock and Corporation Counsel Martin Shanahan, Jr.

Councilman Terry Morris entered the meeting 5:32 pm.

II. PRESENTATION:

A. Presentation – VNA Healthcare – Linnea Windel, President and CEO

Ms. Windel spoke regarding VNA Healthcare; including an overview of their not for profit services and their continued growth. She stated VNA currently has three locations in Will County; one in Bolingbrook, Romeoville, and now their newest location in Joliet, at 2400 Glenwood Avenue.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Kathy Speiler spoke regarding the proposed Rialto Agreement.

Ms. Christy Ford, 711 Lois Place, spoke regarding radiation and her concerns about water testing. The Mayor stated the report supplied by Christy Ford was unfounded.

Mr. Robert Hernandez, 809 Westminster Road, spoke regarding the Rialto. He said he felt all of the information provided should be made public, since it is regarding public funds.
Ms. Purita Schwarz spoke regarding ideas to save costs at the Rialto.

Sam Ambrosini, 215 North Ottawa Street, (previous Rialto manager) spoke regarding the Rialto.

Ms. Mary Beth Gannon, 513 Western Avenue, (WCMEA Board Member) had several questions regarding the proposed Rialto agreement.

IV. MAYOR:

A. Proclamation Recognizing April 5, 2016, as National Service Recognition Day

PROCLAMATION

B. Mayor O’Dekirk– Appointments

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

VI. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Public Service

B. CTIS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Pre-Council Meeting – March 14, 2016

3-14-16 Minutes

2. Regular Meeting – March 15, 2016

3-15-16 Minutes
B. COUNCIL MEMO #131-16: 2015 Annual City Collector’s Report

COUNCIL MEMO #131-16

VIII. LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

A. COUNCIL MEMO #133-16: Approval to Hold a Carnival May 11 through May 15, 2016 – Louis Joliet Mall Spring Carnival

COUNCIL MEMO #133-16

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. ORDINANCES:

1. COUNCIL MEMO #135-16: Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow Operation of a Retail Thrift Store in an Existing Commercial Strip Center, Located at 802 Wilcox Street (PETITION 2016-09)

The City Manager gave a brief overview of this Memo

COUNCIL MEMO #135-16

2. COUNCIL MEMO #136-16: Ordinance Adding Sec. 26-13, Signs, Signals and Pavement Markings in the City of Joliet, Illinois

The City Manager gave a brief overview of this Memo.

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3. COUNCIL MEMO #137-16: Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances, Water and Sewer in Regards to Sump Pump Discharge Regulations

The City Manager gave a brief overview of this Memo.

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4. COUNCIL MEMO #138-16: Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-181(d), Legal Department, Duties Enumerated Ordinance of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances (Expanding the Powers and Duties of the Inspector General)

The City Manager gave an overview of this Memo. Comments were made by Mayor Robert O’Dekirk, Councilman John E. Gerl, Councilman Larry E. Hug, Councilman Jim McFarland, Councilman Pat Mudron, Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman, Councilman Michael F. Turk and Corporation Counsel Martin Shanahan, Jr.

Councilman Jim McFarland made a motion to rescind any funding to the Rialto; there was no second.

COUNCIL MEMO #138-16

5. COUNCIL MEMO #139-16: Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority

Councilwoman Quillman spoke regarding concerns on the City approving an agreement on which the Rialto has not yet voted. The Mayor spoke regarding what led to this proposed agreement. He stated last Monday the City agreed to front the money for two upcoming vendors and the unpaid Federal and State payroll taxes. He stated this agreement would allow the Inspector General to have complete access to the Rialto.
The City Manager said this agreement states the City would hire a certified accounting firm and work with the Inspector General on financial tasks, including working with the State and federal government to waive the penalties.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed agreement and the added proposed cost of paying for the accounting firm over the $440,000 allotted amount.

Councilman Mudron stated the Rialto Board seems to have stepped up the past six months and have made great steps forward. Councilman Turk stated he would like to look at the most recent audit before allotting funds for an accounting firm.

A discussion was held regarding the current audit report. It was determined an independent audit was completed by the Rialto and the report has now been received. Councilman Gerl agreed with Councilman Turk’s suggestion to discuss the financial situation with the current auditing firm before moving forward and hiring a different firm.

Councilman McFarland asked why we are handling the brunt of this situation, and not the State Comptroller’s Office.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the proposed agreement and the safeguards that would be put in place.

**COUNCIL MEMO #139-16**

**B. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **COUNCIL MEMO #141-16: Resolution Authorizing Signature on a TIF Development Agreement (212-230 North Chicago Street – John Bays)**

   The Deputy City Manager gave a brief overview of this Council Memo.
He stated this is the Bays/First Midwest project for relocating First Midwest Bank. He stated the City does not have an incentive policy regarding building permit fees and is looking for Council direction.

Councilman Hug stated there are no impact fees, but this qualifies for the waiver of impact fees and building fees. Council gave consensus to waive the building and permit fees for the TIF agreement which would require an amendment to the agreement.

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2. COUNCIL MEMO #142-16: Resolution Requesting Approval to Authorize a Representative to Sign Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan Documents

The City Manager gave a brief overview of this Council Memo.

COUNCIL MEMO #142-16

3. COUNCIL MEMO #143-16: Resolution Adopting a Policy for the Review of Requests for New Cul-De-Sac Installations in the City of Joliet

The City Manager gave a brief overview of this Council Memo.

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XI. BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

A. AWARD OF CONTRACTS:

1. COUNCIL MEMO #145-16: Request for Authorization to Purchase Police MDT In-Squad Computers

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2. COUNCIL MEMO #146-16: Request for Authorization to Purchase Accessories for Police Vehicles
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3. COUNCIL MEMO #147-16: Request for Authorization to Purchase Wraps for Public Safety Vehicles
   COUNCIL MEMO #147-16

4. COUNCIL MEMO #148-16: Request for Authorization to Approve a Professional Services Agreement for the Water Loss Control Program
   COUNCIL MEMO #148-16

5. COUNCIL MEMO #149-16: Request for Authorization to Approve County Line Road Field Tile Repair - 2016
   COUNCIL MEMO #149-16

6. COUNCIL MEMO #150-16: Request for Authorization to Approve an Award of Contract for the 2016 Public Works Landscape Restoration Program
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8. COUNCIL MEMO #152-16: Request for Authorization to Award a Contract for the Scribner Street (Cass – Sterling) Roadway Improvements Project – Community Development Block Grant

COUNCIL MEMO #152-16

9. COUNCIL MEMO #153-16: Request for Authorization to Award a Contract for the Haldemann Terrace Sewer Lateral Point Repairs Project

COUNCIL MEMO #153-16

10. COUNCIL MEMO #154-16: Request for Authorization to Award a Contract for the Marycrest Phase I Watermain Improvements Project

COUNCIL MEMO #154-16

11. COUNCIL MEMO #155-16: Request for Authorization to Award a Contract for Review of the Rialto Theatre Finances

The City Manager gave a brief explanation of this Council Memo. He stated he will add to the scope where they are today and what it will take to put them back in good financial shape to continue operations.

COUNCIL MEMO #155-16

12. COUNCIL MEMO #156-16: Request for Authorization to Award a Contract with NIcor’s Contractor, NPL, to Install Fiber Optic Conduit on Chicago Street

The City Manager stated Anthony Ardolino from the City’s I.T. Department will be present to give an overview of this Council Memo.

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B. AMENDMENTS, CHANGE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS:

1. COUNCIL MEMO #158-16: Request for Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 4 for the Doris Avenue Roadway Improvements Project – MFT Sect. No. 14-00-483-00-FP

COUNCIL MEMO #158-16

2. COUNCIL MEMO #159-16: Request for Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Black Road Water Treatment Plant Repairs and Well 16D Well House and Water Treatment Plant Modifications Project

COUNCIL MEMO #159-16

3. COUNCIL MEMO #160-16: Request for Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 4 for the East Side Waste Water Treatment Plant Influent Pumping Station and Screen Replacement Project

COUNCIL MEMO #160-16

XII. CITY MANAGER:

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (Not For Final Action or Recommendation):

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christopher Pederson, 702 Vine Street, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Waterway Days.

Carol Mulvihill, 1502 Woodbridge, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Rialto and the events scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

Candace Johnson addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the possibility of the State Comptroller's Office investigating the Rialto.
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XV. CLOSED SESSION to discuss the following subjects:

Motion to enter closed session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, land acquisition or conveyance and pending or threatened litigation after which the meeting will be adjourned was made by Councilman John E. Gerl.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jim McFarland.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilman John E. Gerl, Councilman Larry E. Hug, Councilman Jim McFarland, Councilman Terry Morris, Councilman Pat Mudron, Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman, Councilman Michael F. Turk

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Robert O'Dekirk

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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City Clerk