

# City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432



## Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

1:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

### Committee on Citizens with Disabilities

Citizens who are unable to attend the meeting can email comments in advance of the meeting to publiccomment@joliet.gov.

## ROLL CALL

### Present

Chairperson Tony Arellano, Pam Heavens, Kim Hudgens, Gary Jones, Riley Spreadburry, Steven Voight, and John Jamontas

### Absent

Billie Jo Adams, and Sherry Voight

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Approval of Minutes for September 17, 2024

TMP-7819

Attachments: MeetingMinutes10-Oct-2024-08-19-01.pdf

A motion was made by Gary Jamontas and seconded by Kim Hudgens, to approve. COUNCIL MEMO #TMP-7819: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/17/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

These minutes were approved.

### Aye:

Chairperson Arellano, Heavens, Hudgens, Jones, Spreadburry, Voight, Pollard, and Jamontas.

### Absent:

Adams, and Voight

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

This section is for anyone wanting to speak regarding agenda items and are allowed a maximum of 4 minutes. It is not a question and answer period and staff, and the Committee members do not generally respond to public comments. The City Clerk has a copy of the public speaking procedures; please note, speakers who engage in conduct injurious to the harmony of the meeting shall be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may forfeit the opportunity to speak.

None

## NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

### Presentation: CitizenVue

TMP-7811

Kirsten Benson, from City of Joliet Information Services joins with a Presentation on the downloading and usage of CitizenVue engagement app. This app is used as an efficient and user-friendly way to report code violations or concerns throughout Joliet. The new feature to report ADA concerns is highlighted.

**Discussion: Health Equity - promoting health and reducing health inequities for people with disabilities.**

TMP-7813

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Caitlin Daly, of the Health Department's MAPP Collaborative joins in the discussion of health equity, and the Community Health Needs Assessment. The new collection of data for the 2025 Report presents the opportunity to better reflect the Disability Community in the area, as the reported disability rates have been climbing. The current data is showing rising rent rates and disparities of being "house poor". Additional discussions surrounding the stigma of disabilities, and negative public perception.

**Discussion: Requested Edits to ByLaws**

**TMP-7812**

Attachments: BYLAWS OF THE CITY OF Joliet.docx

The previously submitted bylaws are discussed, and necessary revisions need to be made following guidance from existing ordinances. Due to the bylaws not being discussed amongst the Committee, the City liaison will forward all bylaws (and revisions) along with the relevant standing City ordinances. Any future revisions of the requested bylaws will have to follow the existing ordinances before submitting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Dwight Bendel comments on the concerns around private contractors who plow local businesses, and obstruct sidewalks/public right of ways, leaving them inaccessible by all, including those with disabilities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Steven Voight, seconded by John Jamontas, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:**

Chairperson Arellano, Heavens, Hudgens, Jones, Spreadburry, Voight, Pollard, and Jamontas.

**Absent:**

Adams, and Voight