

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

1:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Legislative Committee

Committee Members

Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman, Chairperson

Councilman Cesar Cardenas

Councilwoman Sherry Reardon

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ROLL CALL

Also Present: Interim Corporation Council Todd Lenzie, Deputy City Manager Christa Desiderio, Community Development Director Dustin Anderson, Planning Director Jayne Bernhard, Economic Development Specialist Diana Viveros, Lieutenant Bob Desiderio, Interim Deputy Corporation Council Stephany Silkey, Assistant Corporation Council Deanna Donnelly, Legal Assistant Katy Fyksen

Present Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman, Councilman Cesar Cardenas and Councilwoman Sherri Reardon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.13.26 Meeting Minutes

[TMP-9825](#)

Attachments: [2626 M Legislative Committee 26-04-13 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cesar Cardenas, seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Reardon, to approve 4.13.26 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilwoman Hallums Quillman, Councilman Cardenas and Councilwoman Reardon

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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.

AGENDA ITEMS

Interim Deputy Corporation Counsel Stephanie Silkey gave a presentation on all three agenda items.

Part 1 was on the City square Ordinance and General Use. Ms. Silkey defined where the City Square was located within the downtown area. She talked about the hours city square would be in use and permitting. This was a determination made between JPD and the State's Attorney's Office. She answered questions about the fees for permits. She also discussed conduct within the square, gives the police authority to enforce our ordinances and state statues. She went over what is and is not allowed in the square. Ms. Silkey then talked about vehicle code, which encourages foot traffic in the downtown area.

Part 2 was about Offenses on City Square. Ms. Silkey explained how we will address banning individuals for specific offense from city property, they will still be able to enter for legitimate purposes. The first ban would be for 6 month, the second for 12 month and the third would be a lifetime ban. The ban would apply to the specific property they were banned from. The police department and the legal department would keep the list of banned individuals.

Part 3, a proposed social district this is a 6 month pilot program. Ms. Silkey gave the boundaries of the social district which does not cross State routes. The hours of the social

district are in line with the City Square hours. The businesses that are eligible to participate in the social district beverage sales must have a full kitchen and 40% or less of their sales can be from alcohol. This is encouraging restaurants to be able to sell one beverage to go per person this is not encouraging bars or pop up shops to be able to do this. There was discussion on how the beverage sales would go, and the cups would be marked with date and time of the beverage sale so that can be monitored and not abused. Patrons will be able to go back into the Restaurants and purchase another drink if they so wish but only one at a time per person. This is a 6 month pilot program, monthly meetings will be held and it can only be renewed with council vote and the liquor commission can end the program early if he feels the city may not be ready for it. There was discussion about the businesses and the cups that will be used.

Ordinance Amending The Joliet Liquor Code By Adding A Social District To Chapter 4, Article II, Section 16 – Liquor Permits

[TMP-9830](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cesar Cardenas, seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Reardon, to approve Ordinance Amending The Joliet Liquor Code By Adding A Social District To Chapter 4, Article II, Section 16 – Liquor Permits. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilwoman Hallums Quillman, Councilman Cardenas and Councilwoman Reardon

Ordinance Adding Chapter 21, Article XIII Governing The General Use And Accessibility Of City Square Property

[TMP-9831](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cesar Cardenas, seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Reardon, to approve Ordinance Adding Chapter 21, Article XIII Governing The General Use And Accessibility Of City Square Property. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilwoman Hallums Quillman, Councilman Cardenas and Councilwoman Reardon

Ordinance Adding Chapter 21, Article XI, Offenses On Public Property

[TMP-9832](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cesar Cardenas, seconded by Councilwoman Sherri Reardon, to approve Ordinance Adding Chapter 21, Article XI, Offenses On Public Property. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilwoman Hallums Quillman, Councilman Cardenas and Councilwoman Reardon

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS - NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Reardon, seconded by Councilman Cardenas, to adjourn.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Councilwoman Hallums Quillman, Councilman Cardenas and Councilwoman Reardon

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