

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Arts Commission

Commission Members

Deborah Filotto

Donna Franks-Tapley

Tom Grotovsky

Ron Romero

Julia Russotti

John Simpson, Jr.

Peg Stoiber

Deborah Summers

Debra Volling

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present	John Simpson Jr, Tom Grotovsky, Deborah Filotto, Donna Franks-Tapley and Ron Romero
Absent	Peg (Marguerite) Stoiber, Deborah Summers, Debra Volling and Julia Russotti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Arts Commission 06.18.2025.pdf](#)

A motion was made by John Simpson, Jr, seconded by Ron Romero, to approve COUNCIL MEMO #TMP-8899: Arts Commission Meeting Minutes - June 18, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Simpson Jr, Filotto, Franks-Tapley and Romero

Absent: Stoiber, Summers, Volling and Russotti

Abstain: Grotovsky

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Simpson asked if the Commission could get an update on the City Square Sculpture project. Staff Liaison Heitner provided an overview of the project to date, stating that the award of contract would likely go to the City Council for final action within the next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Attachments: [IAC General Operating Support Grant Memo for 2026.docx](#)

Due to limitations on time, a motion was made by Commissioner Romero, which was seconded by Commissioner Simpson Jr., to table the discussion on Future Grant Opportunities to the next meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Attachments: [2026 Joliet Arts Commission Meeting Schedule](#)

A motion was made by John Simpson, Jr, seconded by Ron Romero, to approve COUNCIL MEMO #TMP-8895: 2026 Arts Commission Meeting Dates. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Simpson Jr, Grotovsky, Filotto, Franks-Tapley and Romero

Absent: Stoiber, Summers, Volling and Russotti

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Donna Franks-Tapley, seconded by John Simpson, Jr, to adjourn COUNCIL MEMO #[FILE_NR]: [FILE_TITLE]. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Simpson Jr, Grotovsky, Filotto, Franks-Tapley and Romero

Absent: Stoiber, Summers, Volling and Russotti

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