

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

1:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Committee on Citizens with Disabilities

Committee Members

Tony Arellano

Pam Heavens

Billie Jo Adams

Kim Hudgens

John Jamontas

Gary Jones

Veronica Pollard

Riley Spreadburry

Sherry Voight

Steven Voight

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

ROLL CALL

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| Present | Billie Jo Adams, Chairperson Tony Arellano, Kim Hudgens, Gary Jones, Veronica Pollard, Riley Spreadburry , Sherry Voight, Steven Voight and John Jamontas |
| Absent | Pam Heavens |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[TMP-6931](#)

Attachments: [101723](#)

A motion was made by Steven Voight, seconded by Kim Hudgens, to approve the Committee on Citizens with Disabilities Minutes-10/17/23. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adams, Chairperson Arellano, Hudgens, Jones, Pollard, Spreadburry, Voight, Voight and Jamontas

Absent: Heavens

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

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None.

HUMAN RESOURCES: PRESENTATION HIRING PRACTICES & OUTREACH EFFORTS TO CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Ms. Krystal Walsh, Senior HR Generalist, gave the Committee a presentation on the hiring practices and outreach efforts to citizens with disabilities at the City of Joliet.

Ms. Pollard explained her experience with Senior Services. She feels people with disabilities need to have opportunities.

Ms. Walsh explained how the application process has changed over the years at the City.

Ms. Spreadburry spoke about her experience with past jobs and being in a wheelchair. It does start with the education of the workplace.

Ms. Hudgens asked if the City provides any training for hiring managers. Ms. Walsh responded.

PUBLIC WORKS: UPDATE ON PUBLIC ACCESS & RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN

Mr. Sean Mikos, Deputy Director of Public Works, gave the Committee an update on public access and the right-of-way plan with a Powerpoint presentation.

Chairman Arellano asked if there is a measure taken to ensure the sidewalks will last longer than 5 years. Mr. Mikos responded.

Ms. Spreadbury had a few questions that Mr. Mikos answered.

Ms. Voight spoke about a bad sidewalk on Hammes where a woman fell and was injured.

Ms. Pollard asked if there is a timeline for the project. Mr. Mikos responded.

The Committee requested another update in the future.

DISCUSSION: DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH, MARCH 2024

Chairman Arellano spoke about developmental disability awareness month in March. The other part of March is how they interact with police.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

CHAIRMAN ARELLANO REPORT ON MAYOR INITIATIVES

No discussion.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING DISCUSSION

Chairman Arellano spoke about accessible parking and the need to keep the parking spaces available for the people that need them.

Ms. Pollard added that she had a conversation with a concerned citizen about people parking in accessible parking. When the officers issue a ticket and it goes to court, the court system drops it. The court system needs to enforce it.

There was further discussion regarding accessible parking.

Ms. Spreadbury spoke about her experiences with parking and being unable to deploy her ramp so she is either stuck inside the car or outside of the car.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Arellano would like to have the meetings put on television.

In the future he would like to skip the meetings in December and January due to potential weather events.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Steven Voight, seconded by Billie Jo Adams, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adams, Chairperson Arellano, Hudgens, Jones, Pollard, Spreadburry, Voight, Voight and Jamontas

Absent: Heavens

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