

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY
HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:45 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Committee Members - Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens. Mayor Hutchinson was also present.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) AND (6)

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (6).

III. PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE AND THE SETTING OF A PRICE FOR SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PUBLIC BODY

City Administrator James Morani distributed a parcel map of the properties for discussion. Mr. Morani had already spoken to Mayor Hutchinson and Mr. Bruckert about the properties. The map showed the Columbia Department of Public Works at 110 West Sand Bank Road and the property for sale of 1.86 acres at 210 West Sand Bank Road which is currently owned by PSC Industrial Outsourcing.

Mr. Morani said the company, PSC Industrial Outsourcing, formerly Phillips Environmental, has been listed on the market for sale. He has been in touch with the realtor who has the property listed and the price is \$1.5 million. This only includes the 1.86-acre tract and does not include the 1.0-acre tract behind the property. Mr. Morani stated it has been contemplated to sell the DOPW property and move the operations to the property for sale down the road.

Mr. Morani then stated if the PSC property down the road is for sale for \$1.5 million, maybe the DOPW property of 2.56 acres with the .22 acres where the residential home was demolished (approximately 2.75 acres total) could possibly be marketed as a retail site along with the PSC property, which could generate a lot more interest. Mr. Morani wants to keep our options open and wants to know everyone's thoughts. He said this is just a matter to see about starting a dialogue with the realtor to see if there is any interest. Then the next step would be to set the price for the real estate if sold individually or as part of the larger group of properties.

Alderman Reis said his concern is once you start with the process, you have to make sure you have a plan in place.

Alderman Agne suggested to list in our options to get the cost for the price of a move and what the cost would be for another piece of ground.

Alderman Niemietz questioned the 0.42-acre strip on the side of the 1.86 acre property for sale. Mr. Morani believes it is an access easement and that Mike and Paul Frierdich own it.

It was the consensus of the Committee for Mr. Morani to start a dialogue with the realtor who is listing the property at 210 West Sand Bank Road.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Martens and seconded by Alderman Reis to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:51 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken By:



DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk