

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent			

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Amb. Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	

**Labor Attorney Mark Weisman arrived at 7:25 P.M.

**Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards arrived at 7:30 P.M.

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, November 19, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 19, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 19, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting - Monday, November 19, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, November 19, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, November 19, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2012

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2012 were presented to the City Council by Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf.

B. Community & Economic Development

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented the Community & Economic Development Report to the City Council.

1. Play Commission Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2012 were presented.
2. Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2012 were presented.
3. A Status Report on Community & Economic Development Strategy - 2012 was presented.

The report presented the objectives of each of the Department's eight goals and a status report (% complete) for each.
4. Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2968, Which Provided for the Appointment of Members of Certain Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2984, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2968, which provided for the appointment of members of certain boards, commissions and committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013. (Delete Lauren Nobbe 05/01/12 - 04/30/14 and add Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt 12/03/12 - 04/30/14; delete Elizabeth Loy 05/01/12 - 04/30/14 and add Andrea Degenhart 12/03/12 - 04/30/14; and delete Herb Beckerle 05/01/11 - 04/30/13 and add Jennifer Gillum Beech 12/03/12 - 04/30/13.)

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

5. Resolution to Support Application by the HeartLands Conservancy to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for an Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant (IGIG)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 16-2012, A Resolution to support application by the HeartLands Conservancy to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for an Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant (IGIG).

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

C. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. In his report, Mr. Williams noted that the concrete repairs in Southwoods is now complete. Mr. Williams also gave the Council an update on the completion of the work on the Cherry Street Tank Interior Painting Project.

2. An Ordinance to Authorize a Joint Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with Regard to the Safe Routes to School Project to Install Radar Speed Signs at Two Locations on Main Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2985, An Ordinance to authorize a joint agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the Safe Routes to School Project to install Radar Speed Signs at two locations on Main Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. An Ordinance entering into an Agreement for Professional Services with Oates Associates, Inc. (Oates, Inc.) of Collinsville, Illinois to Render Engineering Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in Connection with the Main Street Streetscape Project from Oak Street to Cherry Street

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2986, an Ordinance entering into an agreement for professional services with Oates Associates, Inc. (Oates, Inc.) of Collinsville, Illinois to render engineering services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in

connection with the Main Street Streetscape Project from Oak Street to Cherry Street

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

D. City Attorney

1. Presentation/Approval of Mediation Agreement - Horner & Shifrin Litigation

City Attorney Terry Bruckert presented the Council with a draft of the Mediation Agreement for the Horner & Shifrin Litigation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Mediation Agreement for the Horner & Shifrin Litigation as presented by City Attorney Terry Bruckert.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through November 29, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred thirty-eight dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$338,538.69).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through October 31, 2012 was presented to the City Council by City Administrator Al Hudzik. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,799,669.58. The balance is \$986,616.34 higher than the \$5,813,053.24 balance of September 30, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of October 31, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (August, September and October) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$183,638.17 due to the City of Columbia. Also, the City received \$908,015.61 of real estate tax distributions from Monroe and St. Clair Counties of which \$87,863.37 was transferred to the Police Pension Fund. (This fund cash balance is not included on the Statement of Funds.)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through October 31, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council. Mr. Hudzik reviewed the finances and mechanics of a new refuse collection agreement and contract with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc.

2. Presentation/Approval of an Ordinance to Enter into a Refuse Collection Agreement with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2987, an Ordinance to authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to enter into a Refuse Collection Agreement with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois, to provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, refuse and recyclables in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Presentation of Columbia Police Pension Board of Trustees' 2012 Tax Levy Request Correspondence

Mr. Hudzik reviewed the details of a 2012 Tax Levy Request Correspondence regarding the Columbia Police Pension Fund.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his November 2012 monthly report to the City Council.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept and approve the reports of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 26, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

B. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 26, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

C. Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - November 26, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Roessler	Vote: Roll Call			
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

4. Executive Session Minutes - November 26, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Reis	Vote: Roll Call			
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER 10, 2012

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:30 P.M. Tax Levy and Abatement discussion

Committee of the Whole - 7:40 P.M. Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance Changes review/discussion

Personnel - 7:50 P.M. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion

Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee - 8:00 P.M. Executive Session: Pending Litigation Settlement update/discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)
- B. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion
- C. Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s), collective bargaining/employee wages discussion and pending litigation update/discussion.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct Mayor Hutchinson to go into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M. for the purpose of review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s), collective bargaining/employee wages discussion and pending litigation update/discussion.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:02 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

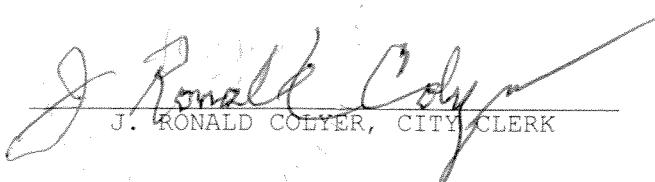
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 3, 2012 at 8:05 P.M.

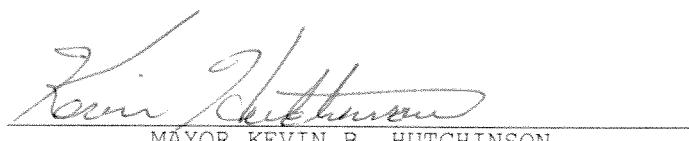
Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0



J. RONALD COYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON