

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS,
AND INTEREST COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL
ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark Roessler called the Executive Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 9:46 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Hejna, and Stumpf.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Row and Oberkfell.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joseph Edwards and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Roessler stated the Executive Session was called to discuss the employment of legal counsel for the city (including legal fees compensation).

III. EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CITY (INCLUDING LEGAL FEES COMPENSATION) DISCUSSION

Chairman Roessler reviewed with the committee and other Aldermen the memo from Accounting Manager, Linda Sharp regarding the Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C. invoice to the City of Columbia in the amount of \$9,950.92 for legal services.

The invoice reflects charges for services that were performed regarding two (2) different items. The first one involved legal services performed regarding a 2010 police officer applicant in the amount of \$5,615.92, and the second one was for services pertaining to a police fitness test review in the amount of \$4,335.00.

2010 Police Officer Applicant

Previously, a police officer applicant indicated he wanted to meet with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Members, since he was not hired for an open police officer position –

at that time, permission was granted by the City Council for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to hire labor attorney, Mark Weisman with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C. The services provided by Mr. Weisman pertaining to the police officer applicant issue are the charges currently shown on the bill as described on the first page. It was noted that said police officer applicant did not attend the June meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, which was the first meeting held after the Board received notification from the applicant (the May, 2010 Board meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum).

Police Fitness Test Review

It was noted that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meets monthly (the next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night, July 27th at 7:00 p.m.). The meetings are held at the Columbia Police Department and are open to the public. Chief Edwards reminded the committee and council members that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has various statutory responsibilities including hiring and firing police officers.

City Administrator Al Hudzik stated the EEOC notice does not require any action by the City at this time and that additional information should be received in the future that will require a response by the City.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Executive Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting of

Monday, July 26, 2010 at 10:02 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Hejna and Stumpf voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



MARK ROESSLER, Chairman
FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS AND INTEREST COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken By:



DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk