

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JULY 28, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 6:02 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis, Holtkamp and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Aldermen Hutch and Mathews.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams (arrived at 6:55 p.m., left at 7:32 p.m., returned at 7:40 p.m. and left at 8:13 p.m.), City Attorney John Long (arrived at 6:55 p.m. and left at 8:13 p.m.), Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis (arrived at 6:55 p.m. and left at 7:45 p.m.), Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards (arrived at 7:00 p.m. and left at 8:13 p.m.), Accounting Manager Linda Sharp (arrived at 6:55 p.m. and left at 8:13 p.m.), Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound (arrived at 6:55 p.m. and left at 7:40 p.m.) and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey (arrived at 6:55 p.m. and left at 8:13 p.m.).

Guests Present: Joe Koppeis, representative of Columbia Land Management, LLC and Attorney Arlie Traughber of Traughber & Morris, Ltd. (both arrived at 6:55 p.m. and left at 7:32 p.m.).

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing/reviewing: (1) the Columbia Land Management proposed Annexation Agreement; (2) Emergency Medical Services Staffing; (3) 2008 G.O. Capital Projects & Refunding Bonds Callable in December 2014; (4) City Buildings Vending Servicing; (5) the Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program; and (6) any other items to be considered.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment/compensation of specific employee(s) of the public body.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp and seconded by Alderman Reis to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the employment/compensation of specific employee(s) of the public body. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION – REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to return to the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Mayor Hutchinson and the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis and Holtkamp.

III. COLUMBIA LAND MANAGEMENT (CLM) PROPOSED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Chairman Ebersohl turned the meeting over to Mr. Joe Koppeis to review the CLM Proposed Annexation Agreement Draft with changes. Various items (containing changes from the document reviewed at the July 14th Committee Meeting) of the proposed Annexation Agreement were reviewed one by one by Koppeis. Mayor Hutchinson, the Aldermen, City Administrator, City Attorney, City Engineer and Director of Community and Economic Development were all given the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and offer their opinions.

Several items, as well as the proposed language changes to the Annexation Agreement draft, were discussed with slight modifications agreed upon. It was the consensus of the Aldermen that the proposed Annexation Agreement, as discussed (and modified) at this meeting, be presented at a future City Council Meeting for City Council consideration.

Mr. Koppeis also informed the Committee Members of his purchase of the Sand Bank School House and updated them on his progress on the Columbia Lakes Development - new housing and apartments.

IV. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STAFFING PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound addressed the Committee regarding staffing issues with the Emergency Medical Services. She explained the scheduling difficulties she has been experiencing. Ms. Bound stated she will be recommending that three (3) paid volunteer paramedics be hired at the August 4, 2014 City Council meeting; she also requested that a temporary full-time paramedic be hired to help fill the EMS scheduling

vacancies until a determination is made on filling the current full-time paramedic vacancy.

It was the consensus of the Committee that City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards and Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound consult with Labor Attorney Mark Weisman regarding the appointment of a temporary full-time paramedic and any issues that may be involved.

V. 2008 G.O. CAPITAL PROJECTS & REFUNDING BONDS CALLABLE IN DECEMBER 2014 DISCUSSION

City Administrator Al Hudzik addressed the Committee Members on this issue. He once again reviewed the projects discussed to be added to the bond issue upon its refunding (approximating \$367,000) and asked the Committee Members if they would also like to include the improvements previously discussed at the city's Oak Street property building – Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis addressed this topic and stated that if the building is remodeled, it will be used for Emergency Management Agency (EMA) offices, senior citizen activities, YMCA classes, a Community Center and possibly other activities. It was noted that a large part of the estimated improvement expenses would be to make the restrooms handicapped accessible.

It was the consensus of the Committee Members that Mr. Hudzik present bond refunding figures at the next Committee Meeting incorporating the projects discussed at this meeting, including an estimate of the costs of the bond refunding.

VI. CITY BUILDINGS VENDING SERVICING DISCUSSION

Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards presented information on City Buildings Vending Servicing through the State of Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services Business Enterprise Program for the Blind. Chief Edwards went on to explain how it would work. There was a short discussion about current vending services issues with City Departments – during the discussion, City Engineer Ron Williams noted that the Department of Public Works has its own soda machine and would not be participating in the vendor servicing change – Accounting Manager Linda Sharp added that City Hall would like to participate and City Administrator Al Hudzik will get in touch with the Library to see if they would like to participate as well. Hudzik informed the Committee Members that a few items need to be discussed with the City Attorney regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required by the state to participate in this program, and feels he will be able to present the MOU at the August 18, 2014 City Council meeting for City Council consideration.

**VII. ILLINOIS LOCAL DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM PRESENTATION/
DISCUSSION**

Accounting Manager Linda Sharp then addressed the Committee Members on the Local Debt Recovery Program and the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of Columbia (which had previously been distributed to the Committee Members) regarding utilization of the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program to help recover some of the city's uncollected receivables. Linda explained how the program would work and that the cities of Collinsville, Mascoutah, Glen Carbon and Waterloo currently use and are satisfied with the program.

The Mayor, Aldermen, City Administrator, City Engineer and City Attorney were given the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and offer their opinions. Various items were discussed regarding what type of receivables this program covers.

City Attorney John Long offered his opinion on the Due Process & Notification language appearing in the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement reviewed. City Administrator Al Hudzik suggested that guidance be sought from the other cities currently utilizing this program to address Long's concerns – he indicated once those concerns are addressed (and after City Attorney review), the Intergovernmental Agreement would be presented at a future City Council meeting for the council's consideration.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

Mayor Hutchinson reported to the committee that Joe Menner (of Columbia) contacted him and expressed an interest in placing an ice dispensing machine in Columbia, but before he starts going through the process of a variance request application and paying the fees, he first wanted to get the opinion of the Committee on this issue. The Mayor went on to explain what the dispenser looks like, its size and how it would work. The Mayor added that per the City Engineer and Building Inspector, there is nothing in our zoning code that covers ice dispensing machines.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee Members that they need more information on this issue – want to see what the ice dispenser looks like and need to contact other cities to see how they are dealing with this issue.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl then entertained a motion to reconvene the meeting's Executive Session to discuss the employment/compensation of specific employee(s) of the public body.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp and seconded by Alderman Reis to reconvene this meeting's Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss the employment/compensation of specific employee(s) of the public body. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION – REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to return to the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:45 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

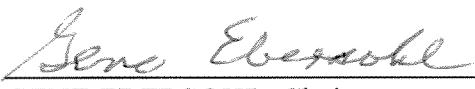
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Chairman Ebersohl asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of either Executive Session of this Committee of the Whole Meeting. There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

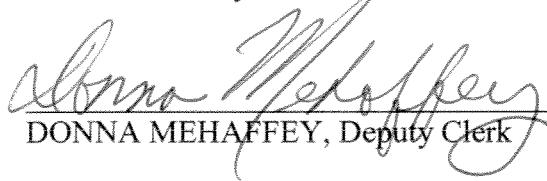
MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, July 28, 2014 at 10:46 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk



ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator