

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the Executive Session of the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:35 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Huch	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Holtkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

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 & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams
<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

II. STATED PURPOSE

Mayor Hutchinson stated the Executive Session was called to update and discuss pending litigation. Specifically, the Litigation to be discussed is: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31 (Charging Party) and the City of Columbia (Respondent) Complaint for Hearing Case No. S-CA-13-118

City Administrator Al Hudzik led the discussion regarding the Case with the Mayor, City Attorney and Aldermen having the opportunity to discuss, ask questions or offer opinions.

Mr. Hudzik updated the Council on the March 12th Mediation Session pertaining to this Case. He outlined the proposals received from representatives of former employee Jason Sitzes and the City's response by its representatives (Mr. Hudzik, Labor Attorney Mark Weisman and Police Chief Joe Edwards).

Mr. Hudzik turned the discussion over to Mr. Weisman. Mr. Weisman discussed the city's options in handling the Case, including the possibility of binding arbitration, a hearing before an ILRB Administrative Law Judge with an appeals process available to either party.

After discussing the scenarios for handling the Case, it was Mr. Weisman's recommendation that the City seek Arbitration in settling the matter.

III. ADJOURNMENT

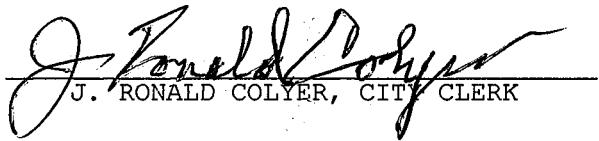
There being no further business to be brought before the Council in Executive Session, Mayor Hutchinson asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION:

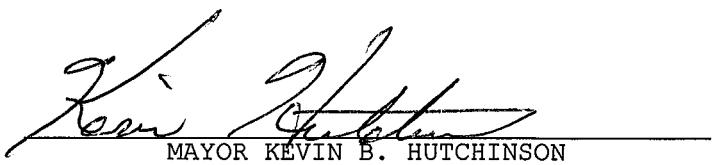
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, March 17, 2014 at 8:02 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON