

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. Call To Order**

Alderman Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 P.M. Upon roll call vote, the following were:

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| Ebersohl | Present | Huch     | Absent  | Agne | Present |
| Mathews  | Absent  | Niemietz | Present | Reis | Present |
| Roessler | Absent  | Holtkamp | Present |      |         |

Quorum present.

Administrative Staff present:

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| City Clerk Wes Hoeffken         | City Attorney Terry Bruckert   |
| City Administrator James Morani | Chief of Police Joe Edwards      Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens |

Mr. Tom Berry and Mr. John Gilbert, attorneys with Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C., were also present.

**II. Purpose**

Alderman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to discuss personnel issues related to the legal services.

**A. Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C. Presentation**

Mr. Berry made a brief presentation to the Council regarding the services available by his law firm and the experience of their attorneys.

Alderman Ebersohl inquired if the firm mostly represented employers. Mr. Berry stated they exclusively represent employers. Mr. Gilbert stated they have worked with many of the local labor unions, including the FOP and Teamsters. Chief Edwards informed the Council that Mr. Gilbert serves as the legal advisor to the Major Case Squad and does an excellent job. Alderman Ebersohl asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

**III. Adjournment**

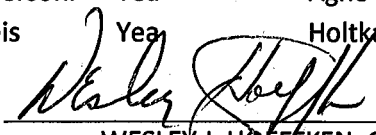
There being no more business to be discussed in Executive Session, Alderman Ebersohl asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Executive Session of the City Council meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:17 P.M. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Reis     | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |          |     |

  
WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MEETING CHAIRMAN GENE EBERSOHL