

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM
OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole 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 Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Holtkamp and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Alderman Reis.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to (i) receive an update on and discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (ii) review and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages

Chairman Ebersohl called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik updated the Committee Members on the progress made at the February 21st negotiating session attended by AFSCME/EMS representatives Ed LaPorte and Darin Hartman and city representatives Weisman, Edwards and Hudzik – he reviewed his notes from the meeting and indicated progress continues to be made. During his review he (i) informed the Committee Members of several additional wage/fringe benefits items that had been agreed upon and distributed copies of a one page document received from the AFSCME/EMS representatives entitled “Starting salary ranges for local departments” containing wage/salary information for various ambulance services in the Metro-East region; and (ii) indicated discussions continue on the language of several ARTICLES of the collective bargaining agreement. Hudzik stated that the next negotiating session has been scheduled for Friday, March 7th and that he planned to schedule an Executive Session at the March 3rd City Council Meeting concerning that negotiating session.

Review/Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline,
Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employee(s)

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Mathews to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, February 24, 2014 at 10:07 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes Taken By:

Sandra Garner

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert G. Hudzik

ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator