

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Committee Members - Aldermen Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens. Mayor Hutchinson was also present.

Absent: Alderman Niemietz.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, Chief of Police and Director of EMS Jerald Paul, City Engineer Chris Smith, Director of Community Development Emily Fultz, Building Official Justin Osterhage, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing: (1) Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole committee meeting; (2) Miller-Fiege Home HVAC; (3) Admiral Trost Development; (4) Cable Franchise Agreements; (5) Violence Prevention Funding; (6) Other items to be considered; (7) Citizen Comments; and (8) Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), and (11).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2016 COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The minutes of the July 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole committee meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole committee meeting. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, and Martens voted yea. Alderman Holtkamp abstained. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. MILLER-FIEGE HOME HVAC

City Administrator James Morani said that staff has been dealing with the Miller-Fiege Home HVAC and said it has been a lingering issue with moisture in the historical home. He said City Engineer Chris Smith and Building Official Justin Osterhage have been working on a solution.

Mr. Osterhage updated the Committee on what had been completed so far with the previous HVAC contractor and previous Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis. Mr. Osterhage explained more is still needed to handle the home and reviewed the areas for heating and cooling and ways to keep it preserved. Mr. Osterhage and an HVAC contractor spent two hours in the Miller-Fiege home going over needs for installation. Mr. Osterhage pointed out that this job will entail getting into crawl spaces and will be unattractive work for the installation. Mr. Morani said this is a very difficult job to bid and is confident Mr. Osterhage has a good HVAC contractor with a fair proposal. Alderman Martens asked what the cost would be. Mr. Morani said the proposal was under \$20,000.00 and added there are very unique circumstances to consider with the proposal. Alderman Reis stated that for three separate systems, it sounded like a fair and bargain price. City Attorney Terry Bruckert stated that it was okay to give out the bid, which was \$15,700.00. Alderman Ebersohl stated the bid sounded reasonable.

It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the HVAC proposal in the amount of \$15,700.00 for the Miller-Fiege Home for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

IV. ADMIRAL TROST DEVELOPMENT

City Engineer Chris Smith informed the committee that he was still waiting for the proposal from the St. Louis Steamers Soccer Club. The proposal will go to the Play Commission first and then to the City Council. Mr. Smith added that a proposal should be ready soon for the City Council's consideration.

Mr. Smith gave a brief update on the North Main Street resurfacing project. He said that the paving will be completed next week and will be concluded before Columbia Days on August 19 and 20.

V. CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS

City Administrator James Morani explained to the Committee the two proposed cable service franchise ordinances for Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC and Harrisonville Telephone Company (HTC) Communications Company. Mr. Morani stated the terms of the franchise renewal will be the same as the current agreement with the exception of clarifying language contained in section 3 on each of the proposed ordinances regarding the letter of credit, any changes to the letter of credit, and certificates of insurance. Mr. Morani added there will be a public hearing on August 15, before the next City Council meeting. Mr. Morani also said if there are any questions to let him know.

It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the proposed ordinances for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

VI. VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING

Mr. Morani provided an update to the Committee on the House of Neighborly Services meeting that he and Deputy Police Chief Jason Donjon attended last Wednesday. Mr. Morani said Monroe County Commissioner Terry Liefer was also in attendance. The meeting, which involved several community stakeholders, focused on brainstorming how to address the funding issues with the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois for services in Monroe County. Mr. Morani noted that it was a very productive meeting. He added that everyone agreed that having the Violence Prevention Center provide the services (as opposed to Monroe County) was the best option if there is a way to fund it. He added there are certifications that deal with privacy that the center has that the Monroe County offices do not. Mr. Morani said that it would be achievable to offer the services with a part-time employee with funding from the County and with the funding source as discussed by Mayor Hutchinson at the previous City Council meeting. After that, there would not be a big financial hole to fill. Everyone at the meeting felt confident with the House of Neighborly Services leading the way to coordinate fundraising and seeking potential donations for the center; it would be something that could easily be accomplished. Mr. Morani said the group is seeking the position to be a part-time position but it could change depending on funding commitments. Mr. Morani referenced the job description that was distributed to the Committee members which was the same job description from the House of Neighborly Services meeting. Mr. Morani said Monroe County has committed to funding the temporary services through mid-September and Commissioner Liefer said he was confident he could get the County to commit through mid-October. Mr. Morani added that the City still has time to make a decision on any funding commitment. More information will be forthcoming.

VII. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

There were no other items to be considered.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), AND (11)

Chairman Ebersohl entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and pending litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), and (11).

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Roessler to go into Executive Session at 7:23 P.M. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and pending litigation as

permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), and (11). Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

X. REGULAR SESSION

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to return to the regular session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting at 10:01 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the regular session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting, the following committee members were present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, Martens and Mayor Hutchinson.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

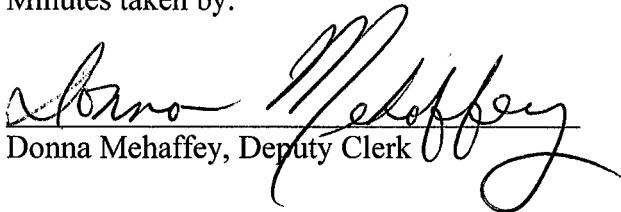
MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Reis to adjourn the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, August 8, 2016 at 10:02 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by:



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE



Donna Mehaffey, Deputy Clerk