

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY  
HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:31 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: Alderman Roessler.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, City Clerk and EMA Coordinator Wes Hoeffken, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, Chief of Police and EMS Director Jerry Paul, Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: None.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2) and (5 )**

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and purchase or lease of real estate under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2) and (5).

**III. PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE**

**A. Bethany United Methodist Church Utility Easement**

City Clerk and EMA Coordinator Wes Hoeffken reported to the committee that he has been in contact with Bethany United Methodist Church located at 1608 Hill Top Road to place one of the new sirens on their property. A 10 foot x 10 foot utility easement would be needed. It was noted the property is not located inside the city limits of Columbia, but is a good location for the siren since Country Crossings subdivision and the YMCA are in close proximity. City Administrator James Morani suggested to offer \$1,000 to the church for the easement. It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with this offer.

B. Immaculate Conception Church Utility Easement

Mr. Hoeffken reported he has also been working with the Immaculate Conception Church located at 411 Palmer Road to install one of the new sirens on their property. Mr. Hoeffken has spent six weeks working with the church to get a location. Mr. Hoeffken explained the location is across Palmer Road on a berm away from the church and is located with a stake. Mr. Hoeffken explained the church did not know the property for the proposed utility easement was theirs. Mr. Hoeffken said the placement of this siren would cover the areas of Brellinger Subdivision, Briar Lakes Subdivision, the golf course and possibly the Mule Road area. Mr. Morani would like to offer the church \$1,000 for the 10 foot x 10 foot utility easement. It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the offer to Immaculate Conception Church.

**IV. PERSONNEL**

**V. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Agne to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of Monday, April 10, 2017 at 9:08

P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl  
GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken By:

Donna Mehafey  
DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk