

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row.

Absent: Aldermen Unnerstall and Huch.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Police Officer Justin Barlow, Building Inspector Al Holden, City Treasurer Bob Naumann and City Auditor Gene Schorb.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 3, 2006 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 3, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Police Department

The report of the Chief of Police was presented to the Council

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the report of the Chief of Police as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Ambulance Director

The monthly report of the Director of the Columbia Emergency Medical Service was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the Ambulance Director as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Fire Department

The monthly report of the Fire Marshall was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the report of the Fire Marshall as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the report of the Plan Commission as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. Zoning Board of Appeals

The report of the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented to the Council.

1. Merz Set-Back Variance Request

Mr. Holden informed the Council that Mr. Dennis Brand has indicated that they are redesigning the house and will be formally withdrawing the variance request. It was agreed to table any action until the City receives formal written notification.

F. Street Graphics

The report of the Street Graphics Advisory Board was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 2479 – First National Bank Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to pass Ordinance No. 2479, an ordinance granting a Sign Code Variance to the First National Bank of Waterloo, Illinois to allow the Bank to display signs on three (3) sides of the canopy attached to the Bank's ATM structure located at 1031 Valmeyer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to relieve of the obligation of the City's Sign Code Restriction that commercial signage is limited to one sign per street frontage. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

G. Administration Department

1. Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Bid Approval

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the low bid of \$36,801.46 submitted by Walden Associated Technologies, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. City Attorney

1. Ratify Ordinance No. 2478 – Cahokia Waterline Easement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to ratify Ordinance No. 2478, an ordinance approving a Deed for a waterline easement from Robert V. Snyders Living Trust on property adjoining Mississippi Avenue (A/K/A Illinois Route 3) in the Village of Cahokia, St. Clair County, Illinois and to authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver the same for and on behalf of the City and passed at the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 3, 2006.

Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Row and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2480 - Employ Juneau Associates

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to pass Ordinance No. 2480, an ordinance authorizing the employment of Juneau Associates, Inc. P.C. of Edwardsville, Illinois to perform the engineering services required for a Roadway Improvement Fee Assessment Ordinance for the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Row and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2481 - Building Permit Moratorium

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance no. 2481, an ordinance placing a moratorium on the approval of Preliminary Subdivision Plats for all of the Zoned Districts in the City pending the enactment of a Traffic Generation Assessment Ordinance. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Row and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he did not have any reason to go into Executive Session.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Pro Tem

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to appoint Alderman Conrad as Mayor Pro Tem for the period commencing August 7, 2006 and ending August 16, 2006. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Alderman Conrad abstained. Motion Carried.

VII. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Row, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 12, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred ninety-one thousand, four hundred eighty-five dollars, and eighty-six cents (\$191,485.86). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing May 26, 2006 and ending June 25, 2006 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing May 26, 2006 and ending June 25, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bolm-Schuhkraft Park - School District Usage Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the request of the Columbia High School to use the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park as requested and on file at City Hall and contingent upon coordination with the Columbia Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, and Department of Public Works. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. High School Homecoming Parade

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the request of the Columbia High School for the Annual Homecoming Parade as requested and on file at City Hall and contingent upon coordination with the Columbia Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, and Department of Public Works. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Columbia High School and Columbia Optimist Club 5KRun/Walk & 10K Run

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the request of the Columbia High School and the Columbia Optimist Club to hold the 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run as requested and on file at City Hall and contingent upon rerouting the route to avoid the construction on Rueck Road, and contingent upon coordination with the Columbia Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, and Department of Public Works. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Metro Chrysler Parking Request

Alderman Niemietz stated that the dealership should make arrangements with some of the vacant businesses to park their surplus inventory.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to deny the request of Metro Chrysler to park vehicles on the grass of their property.

Mayor Hutchinson stated that in his opinion the City should do the right thing and review the situation in another 60 days. Alderman Koesterer stated that there is too much history with this dealership. Alderman Conrad stated that the City budgeted funds this year to attract businesses downtown and now we have a business that needs our assistance and we don't help. Alderman Niemietz stated that she could see limiting the request to

60 days. Alderman Ebersohl stated that the dealership will probably also be receiving future deliveries.

Alderman Koesterer withdrew her motion and Alderman Niemietz withdrew her second.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to approve the request of Metro Chrysler to park 50 cars on the grass of their property for up to 60 days and to prepare a solution to prevent this situation in the future. Upon Roll Call vote, all Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, and Row voted yea. Alderman Koesterer voted nay. Motion Carried.

E. Illinois Municipal League

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to appoint Alderman Conrad as the Alternate Delegate for the 93rd Annual Conference of the Illinois Municipal League. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Alderman Conrad abstained. Motion Carried.

X. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

XI. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, July 24, 2006

7:00 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation
7:00 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, and Drainage.
7:10 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning

A. Statement of Funds

The monthly report of the City Auditor was presented to the Council.

1. Loan to Library Fund

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$60,000.00 from the Working Cash Fund to the Library Fund as a temporary loan. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Statement of Funds as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 17, 2006 at 8:17 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson