

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Row</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council (Sine Die) held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 were submitted for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council (Sine Die) held Tuesday, May 19, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl Yea Row Yea Stumpf Yea  
Agne Yea Hejna Yea Roessler Yea  
Niemietz Yea Oberkfell Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTTON.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 19, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea Row Yea Stumpf Yea  
Agne Yea Hejna Yea Roessler Yea  
Niemietz Yea Oberkfell Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

### **III. DELEGATIONS**

#### **A. Bottoms Land Owners - Programmatic Agreement**

Mr. Lloyd Pulcher appeared before the Council as a spokesman for a group of landowners from the Columbia Bottoms. Mr. Pulcher stressed that the landowners are anxious for the city to move forward on the proposed programmatic agreement relating to the Fish Lake Interchange.

#### **B. Avenue of Flags**

Mr. Jack Norman appeared before the Council with remarks regarding the display of flags on city streets. Mr. Norman complimented the city on its presentation of flags during appropriate holidays and occasions. However, he suggested that the city look into improving its display methods to avoid "tangling" and other display problems during presentations.

#### **C. Appointed Board Training**

Mr. Norman also addressed the Council regarding OPEN ILLINOIS WEEK and urged council members and city officials to enroll in Open Meetings Act training sessions conducted by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

### **IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

#### **A. Community and Economic Development**

##### **1. Recap May 20<sup>th</sup> Miller-Fiege Home Open House**

Paul Ellis, Director of Community and Economic Development, summarized the Open House held at the Miller-Fiege Home on May 20th. Mr. Ellis reported that 126 community members attended.

##### **2. Approve Ordinance to Declare the Miller-Fiege Home in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Ordinance No. 2721, an Ordinance to Declare the Miller-Fiege Home in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

Moved by: Agne                      Second: Oberkfell                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried      9 To 0

##### **3. Recap City of Columbia Recycling Event**

Mr. Ellis noted that the annual recycling event, held at Columbia High School for the first time, was a success. Well over 100 recycling bins were handed out.

##### **4. Update on Safe Routes to School and Playful City USA initiatives**

Ellis reported that the recently appointed members of the Play Commission will meet to consider quantity, quality and access to local play spaces and noted that the first annual "Play Day" will be held September 29<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that the second annual "Walk & Roll Day" will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Present New Marketing Materials (CD Project)

Ellis handed out a recently designed CD which features a virtual magazine highlighting the positive aspects of the City of Columbia and Monroe County. He thanked Marketicity and Action Graphics—two local firms—for design and production.

6. Request Meeting of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee

Director Ellis requested a meeting of the Committee for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 7. Senior Center Update

Ellis updated the Council on the search for a new Senior Center. The search is ongoing, with several meetings scheduled, and he will continue to work with Western Egyptian to settle on a new location by July or early August.

B. City Engineer/Department of Public Works - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the City Engineer/Department of Public Works was presented to the Council.

## 1. Awarding of Supplying of Petroleum Products

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to award the contract to provide petroleum products for the City of Columbia to R & M Oil, 603 Old State Rte. 3, Columbia.

Moved by: Stumpf      Second: Hejna      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - May 26, 2009

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2009 were presented to the Council.

D. City Attorney

The City Attorney's report was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2722, An Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of a 1994 Ford E350 Ambulance of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Emergency Services Supply of St. Louis, Missouri as Surplus City Property.

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

#### E. Administration Department

The report of the Administration Department was presented to the Council.

## F. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson's report was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers to be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 28, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred three thousand, four hundred ten dollars, and sixty-nine cents (\$203,410.69).

Eberschl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Fish Lake Interchange - Programmatic Agreement

Considerable discussion took place involving Aldermen Row, Agne, Hejna, Stumpf, Oberkfell, Niemietz, Mayor Hutchinson and City Engineer Ron Williams regarding the proposed Fish Lake Interchange-Programmatic Agreement.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Programmatic Agreement pending review by the City Attorney to determine whether the description "Columbia Crossing" should be included or deleted from the document.

Moved by: Agne Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Nay	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Nay		

Motion Carried 6 To 2

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Kiwanis Car Show

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the annual Kiwanis Car Show.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

#### VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

##### A. Committee of the Whole

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 were not available for approval.

##### MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council for Action Auction Associates to auction off the City's surplus property.

Moved by: Ebersohl                    Second: Row                    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

##### B. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch meeting held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 were not available for approval.

##### MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council the Ambulance Department sale of the 1994 Ford E350 Ambulance for \$4,000 to Emergency Services Supply.

Moved by: Stumpf                    Second: Hejna                    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

##### MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council the City of Columbia contract with AmerAssist A/R Solutions, Inc. for the collection of the City's past due ambulance bills.

Moved by: Oberkfell                    Second: Row                    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

##### C. Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

Minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements meeting held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 were not available for approval.

##### MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council to permit Interim City Administrator Al Hudzik and Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joseph Edwards to get the Police Department Roof damage issue resolved by having the

City submit specs to Lakeside Roofing Company, Inc. and Taylor Roofing to receive new bids for the Police Department roof replacement.

Moved by: Oberkfell      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**D. Executive and Rules**

Minutes of the Executive and Rules meeting held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 were not available for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council the 2009/2010 City of Columbia Aldermanic Committees.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Nay	Stumpf	Nay
Agne Yea	Hejna	Nay	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Nay	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 5 To 4

**IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JUNE 8, 2009**

7:00 PM - Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

7:10 PM - Personnel (executive session)

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Personnel**

1. Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries.

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) collective bargaining issues between the City of Columbia and its employees or their representatives; (2) salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and (3) the employment of legal counsel to assist in collective bargaining issues.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:25 PM for the purposes of (1) discussing collective bargaining issues between the City of Columbia and its employees or their representatives; (2) discussing salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and (3) the employment of legal counsel to assist in collective bargaining issues.

Moved by: Stumpf      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:10 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl

Second: Row

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, Roessler and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to okay the City Administrator and the appropriate department chair to consult with labor attorney Mark Weisman regarding bargaining unit negotiating items.

Moved by: Niemietz

Second: Stumpf

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 1, 2009 at 9:15 PM.

Moved by: Stumpf

Second: Ebersohl

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson