

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the Public Hearing before the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 6:45 PM.

II. PURPOSE

Mayor Hutchinson explained the public hearing was called to allow all interested citizens of the City of Columbia, Illinois the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was anyone from the public with comments or questions.

Citizens Lester Schneider and Levi Otwell briefly addressed the Council with concerns and opinions regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Mr. Schneider's concern was with the way the City is using the Capital Development Fund. Mr. Schneider stated that he has no problem with the use of transfer of funds to cover for shortfalls the City may have but he felt that the use for the monies should be shown in the Capital Development Fund so that expenses would show an audit trail.

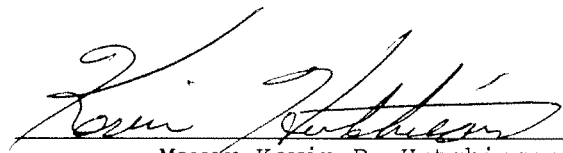
Mr. Otwell expressed concern that the State may not pay in this fiscal year or in future fiscal years what is owed to municipalities and Columbia in particular. He expressed concern, that given the State's financial situation, the City could see as much as a \$500,000 shortfall in the next fiscal year. Mr. Otwell suggested that part of the shortfall in revenue could be made up by tweaking the budget and examining the line items for each department. Regarding disbursements, Mr. Otwell suggested that the City consider prioritizing its list of capital expenditures for this year and coming years, considering that Capital Development Funds may not cover those expenditures in the future.

Mayor Hutchinson asked if there were further comments from the public. There were none.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there were any comments or questions from the Council.

Hearing none, Mayor Hutchinson closed the hearing at 6:52 p.m.


J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson