

**MINUTES OF THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE, AND PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gene Ebersohl called the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities 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 Aldermen Niemietz, Row and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Hejna, Oberkfell and Stumpf.

Other Elected Officials & Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Ron Colyer, City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams and Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential projects to be funded (fully or partially) by the (i) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); and (ii) Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Program.

II. ARRA and TIP PROJECTS DISCUSSION

City Engineer Williams informed the Committee Members of the possibility of additional ARRA (federal stimulus) funds being awarded to the city in 2010 and the need to have a project in mind, since the application turnaround time is normally very short once the government makes its decision on authorizing any funding. He also indicated that the ARRA funding awarded to the city last year approximated \$200,000 and there was no city match required for the project; he felt the ARRA funding level, if awarded, would be similar to last year's amount. Additionally, he stressed the importance of hiring an engineering consultant to help with the application process to assure that the application is thoroughly completed, thereby enhancing the city's chances of receiving funding, if available, upon project evaluation – Ron stated that engineering consultants usually complete applications at no cost to the city based on the premise that the firm will be hired to perform the preliminary engineering if the project is funded.

City Engineer Williams also informed the Committee Members that the State of Illinois TIP funding (for the State's FY 2015) is expected to be awarded in the next several months – TIP Program funding normally approximates 80% of the project cost with the city providing the balance of the funding, as well as paying for the preliminary engineering and right of way costs. He again stressed the importance of selecting an engineering consultant to help with the TIP application process whenever an application is submitted.

A general discussion was then held and various project options were discussed – City Engineer Williams (1) asked the Committee Members to give consideration to the submittal of projects to utilize any ARRA/TIP funding to improve Main St; and (2) informed the Committee Members that he planned to meet with Monroe County Engineer Ron Polka in the near future to get an update on funding possibilities.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:20 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Row, and Roessler voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.

Gene Ebersohl
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GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

Sandra Garner
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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert G. Hudzik
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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY
HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Agne called the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:20 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Row.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Hejna, Oberfell, Stumpf and Roessler.

Other Elected Officials & Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Ron Colyer, City Administrator Al Hudzik and City Engineer Ron Williams.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Agne stated the meeting was called to discuss (1) Main Street – C-1 & C-2 Zoning; (2) the distribution of Handbills & Flyers in the city; (3) the Mixed Use Development District (MDD) issue; (4) the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) changes that recently took effect; and (5) any other items to be considered or discussed.

II. MAIN STREET – C-1 & C-2 ZONING DISCUSSION

Chairman Agne gave a brief history of the steps taken in the past resulting in the adoption of/amendments to the zoning ordinance, including the C-1 and C-2 permitted/special uses sections – he also made remarks pertaining to some of those uses. A general discussion was then held pertaining to the appropriateness of all C-2 permitted business uses in the currently zoned C-1 area (near the 1500 block of Main St.), including the remark that Mark Wegmann is currently going through the zoning amendment process. During the meeting the possibility of moving some of the permitted business uses allowed in the C-2 zoned areas to the special uses section was discussed.

III. HANDBILLS & FLYERS DISTRIBUTION DISCUSSION

Chairman Agne opened the discussion and addressed (i) the handbills and flyers distribution issue currently regulated by Ordinance No. 988 and Municipal Code Chapter 12.20; (ii) the city attorney's recent e-mail citing 2008 case law that may apply to the distribution of handbills/flyers in Illinois municipalities; and (iii) the Peddling/Soliciting/Flyers Application form required to be filed with the City Clerk's Office by anyone wishing to distribute handbills/flyers in the city. A discussion was then held in which various opinions were expressed on this topic, as well as the city's ability to regulate the distribution of handbills/flyers – this item is to be put on the January 19, 2010 City Council Meeting agenda for further discussion when the city attorney is present.

IV. MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MDD) DISCUSSION

Chairman Agne again addressed this issue and stated the most recent draft of the MDD (as recommended by the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals) is dated 02/25/08 – he also touched upon actions taken at the July 14, 2008 Ordinance, Planning & Zoning Committee meeting as well as actions taken at the July 21, 2008 City Council meeting, and indicated that only one item had not been agreed upon at that time. A general discussion was then held wherein Chairman Agne stated he would entertain a motion not to have any financial incentive language added to the MDD.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz not to have any financial incentive language added to the MDD.

A discussion was then held regarding the need for such a motion since the financial incentive language does not currently appear in the recommended 02/25/08 draft of the MDD.

RESCINDED MOTION:

Alderman Niemietz then rescinded her second to said motion and Alderman Ebersohl rescinded his motion.

Chairman Agne stated again that he feels the Committee should revisit this issue and again make its recommendation(s) to the City Council -- City Administrator Hudzik informed the Committee Members, and other council members in attendance, that he would place the 02/25/08 draft of the MDD in an electronic folder so they can again review the MDD documentation. The meeting ended with a brief discussion concerning the steps necessary for approval of the MDD.

V. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) DISCUSSION

Chairman Agne asked City Administrator Hudzik to brief the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik reviewed a Memo distributed prior to the committee meeting, as well as some sections of its attachment, an article published by the Illinois Municipal League

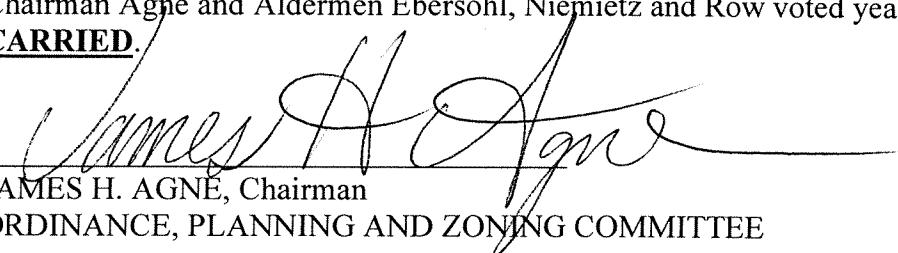
entitled "Municipal Sunshine Law Revisions for 2010", which detailed the legislative changes occurring effective January 1, 2010.

VI. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED
None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

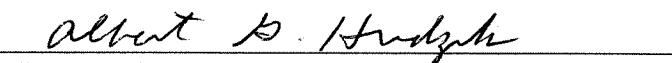
MOTION:

It was moved by Aldermen Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:05 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Row voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**


JAMES H. AGNE, Chairman
ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:


SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant


ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:05 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Oberfell, Stumpf, Roessler and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik and City Engineer Ron Williams.

Guests Present: Attorney Arlie Traughber, Yvette Hoeffken and Craig Brauer, an engineer with the firm of Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Immaculate Conception Church (ICC) Preannexation Agreement requests.

**II. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH (ICC) PREANNEXATION
AGREEMENT DISCUSSION**

Alderman Ebersohl asked if any of the ICC representatives would like to address the Committee pertaining to the church's anticipated property annexation. Craig Brauer (1) distributed an aerial photo of the church's property which he reviewed; and (2) described the church's plans for developing the site and building a church. Arlie Traughber's Preannexation Agreement letter, dated November 10, 2009 was then reviewed – each of the nine (9) issues presented in the letter was discussed, one by one, and all Committee Members, and city staff, were given the opportunity to express their opinions on each issue (the Committee Members were also given documentation containing the city attorney's comments on each of the nine (9) issues). During the discussion various options were considered, including whether or not a performance bond should be required for future code compliance in the event variances are agreed upon and placed in the Preannexation Agreement. The Committee asked attorney Arlie Traughber to submit a draft of ICC's proposed Preannexation Agreement to the city for its review.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED
None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:50 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Oberfell, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea.
MOTION CARRIED.

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:

Sandra Garner

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert G. Hudzik

ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mary Ellen Niemietz called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:50 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Row, Hejna and Oberfell.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik and City Engineer Ron Williams.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Niemietz stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (i) changing Lincoln's Birthday holiday to Presidents' Day; and (ii) collective bargaining negotiations and employee salaries (in Executive Session).

**II. DISCUSSION ABOUT CHANGING LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY TO
PRESIDENTS' DAY**

City Administrator Hudzik (1) reminded the Committee Members that Lincoln's Birthday holiday had been changed to Presidents' Day in both the FOP Sworn Officers and Telecommunicators Agreements, and that the same change had tentatively been agreed to by the DOPW (although their collective bargaining negotiations have not yet been finalized); and (2) recommended that the same change be made to the city's holidays for non-unionized employees; he also requested (if the change is made) that the second City Council meeting to be held in February be changed from Monday, February 15th to Tuesday, February 16th. Chairman Niemietz said she would entertain a motion to that effect.

MOTION

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Stumpf to recommend to the City Council that (1) an ordinance be prepared approving the change of the observation of Lincoln's Birthday holiday to Presidents' Day; and (2) the second council

meeting in February be changed from Monday, February 15th to Tuesday, February 16th. Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** A poll of the other Aldermen: Agne, Row, Hejna and Oberfell voted yea.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Stumpf to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:55 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mary Ellen Niemietz
MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Chairman
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

Sandra Garner
SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert G. Hudzik
ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator