

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011 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:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Piazza	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Terry Bruckert	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Edith Dean

II. DELEGATIONS

A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation (Janelle Palmer)

Ms. Palmer appeared before the Council to discuss the background and circumstances related to Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Hutchinson issued a proclamation declaring October, 2011 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

B. Community Planning Month Proclamation (Paul Ellis)

Mayor Hutchinson issued a proclamation resolving that the Month of October, 2011 be designated as Community Planning Month in the City of Columbia in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

C. Gina Segobiano, Columbia School District Superintendent

Dr. Gina Segobiano, Superintendent of Columbia Unit School District #4, appeared before the Council, accompanied by six of the District's school board members, to provide the City Council with information as it pertains to the Columbia Lakes Multi-Unit Development.

Dr. Segobiano discussed impacts of the development as it would affect Facility Occupancy planning, various Tax Implications, Financial Expenditure Implications and the possibility of Impact Fees.

Dr. Segobiano also requested that the City offer the School District a timeline for construction and/or completion of the Community Unit Plan (CUP) North and South projects, adequate planning for bus safety, the exploration for collecting impact fees from the Developer and enforcement of Occupancy Permit requirements.

Several Aldermen and the Mayor joined the discussion and had questions for Dr. Segobiano.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of September 19, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 19, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 19, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne	Second: Roessler	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Roessler Yea	Piazza Absent
Agne Yea	Huch Yea	Reis Yea
Niemietz Yea	Mathews Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of September 19, 2011

The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 19, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 19, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis	Second: Huch	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Roessler Yea	Piazza Absent
Agne Yea	Huch Yea	Reis Yea
Niemietz Yea	Mathews Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2011

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2011 were presented to the City Council by Plan Commissioner Edith Dean.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Marketing Columbia at Chicago Deal Making Event

Paul Ellis, Director of Community and Economic Development presented an overview of his upcoming trip to Chicago to represent Columbia at a booth at the Chicago Deal Making Event on Navy Pier.

2. Special Event Application - Walk & Roll to School Day

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the permit for the Walk & Roll to School Day Special Event to be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 from 7:15 A.M. to 3:15 P.M.

Moved by: Reis	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Roessler Yea	Piazza Absent
Agne Yea	Huch Yea	Reis Yea
Niemietz Yea	Mathews Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Parkview School PTA Fall Festival Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request for the Parkview School PTA Fall Festival to be held on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on McDannold Drive.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Request Approval for Letter of Support for Columbia-Waterloo Community Planning Area Application - Approval Recommended

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Columbia-Waterloo Community Planning Area Application.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented the City Engineer, Department of Public Works Report to the City Council.

2. Update on Columbia Centre Private Access Road

Mr. Williams updated the Council on a meeting with Joe Koppeis from Columbia Centre regarding problems with the Private Access Road in that area. Council members discussed the Access Road issue and the consensus of the Aldermen was to refer the issue to discussion within the Committee of the Whole.

3. Bids for Illinois Route 3 and South Main Street Intersection Improvement

Mr. Williams informed the Council that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has indicated that they desire to re-bid the project and would place it on the November letting.

4. Bids for Main Street Streetscape

Mr. Williams discussed the bid-letting process for the Main Street Streetscape project. Mayor Hutchinson, City Administrator Al Hudzik and Aldermen discussed the status of the project and the future bid-letting process. The consensus was to investigate achieving additional funding to create a larger project than now proposed while awaiting IDOT direction on the current bids.

5. Mr. Williams updated the Council on the status of projects on Kunz Street, Milton Street, Locust Street, the Northridge Storm Sewer slope and information relating to the Community Unit Plan (CUP) projects.

D. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 29, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred seventy-five thousand, seven hundred fifty-one dollars and seventeen cents (\$275,751.17).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through August 31, 2011 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,133,483.68. The balance is \$395,686.05 higher than the \$4,737,797.63 balance of July 31, 2011.

The statement indicated that as of August 31, 2011, the State of Illinois is three months (June, July and August) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$184,651.39 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through August 31, 2011 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

F. Administration Department - Report

1. Resolution to Levy a Tax of .02% of the Value of the Taxable Property in the City of Columbia, Illinois, for the Columbia Public Library Building and Equipment Purposes for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 06-2011, A Resolution to Levy a Tax of .02% of the Value of the Taxable Property in the City of Columbia, Illinois for Columbia Public Library Building and Equipment Purposes for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012.

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik offered to answer any questions or concerns that the Council may have. There were none.

G. Mayor's - Report

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of September 2011 to the City Council.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 26, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 26, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 26, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Abstain	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - OCTOBER 10, 2011

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:00 P.M.

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:10 P.M. - Audit Presentation

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 P.M. - Community Unit Plan (CUP) Cooperation Agreement(s) Review/Discussion; Utilities Fee Audit Update/Discussion; Columbia Centre; Executive Session: Pending Litigation

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for an update/discussion on pending litigation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:38 P.M. for an update/discussion on pending litigation.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:55 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis 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. There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 3, 2011 at 8:56 P.M.

Moved by: Reis

Second: Agne

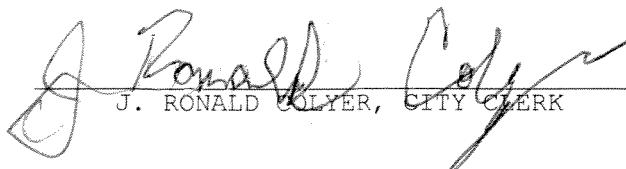
Vote: Roll Call

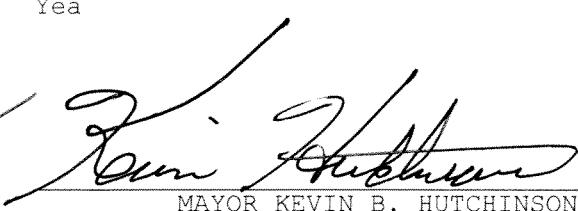
Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

Roessler Yea
Huch Yea
Mathews Yea

Piazza
Reis
Absent
Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0


J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON