

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Agne (Chairman Ebersohl absent) called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis.

Absent: Chairman Ebersohl, Alderman Piazza and Mayor Hutchinson.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Acting Chairman Agne stated the meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing and discussing (1) the Columbia American Legion property lease and purchase; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. COLUMBIA AMERICAN LEGION PROPERTY – LEASE AND PURCHASE  
DISCUSSION**

Acting Chairman Agne opened the meeting and called upon Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis to address the Committee Members on this issue. Paul reviewed a previously distributed document entitled “OSLAD Grant Acquisition Schedule” (revised 09/19/12), which detailed the steps to be taken (and contained an estimated timeline) for the acquisition the American Legion property (currently leased by the city) utilizing OSLAD grant funding; he also informed the Committee Members that the property appraisal has been received and has been forwarded to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for staff review in establishing the Fair Market Value (“FMV”) of the property – once the FMV has been established, the negotiations for the purchase of the property can begin. Paul then (i) updated the Committee Members on a meeting held with several members of the American Legion (on September 18<sup>th</sup>) to review the estimated acquisition timeline; (ii) informed the Committee that the current lease on the American Legion property ends on October 31<sup>st</sup>; and (iii) indicated that an extension of the lease may be needed (and was briefly discussed at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting), since the purchase may not close by October 31<sup>st</sup>. City Administrator Al Hudzik then reviewed some of the terms of the American Legion Memorial Park Lease

(copies of which were distributed prior to this meeting) and requested that authority be given for city staff to negotiate the terms of a lease extension. It was the consensus of the Committee Members that city staff be authorized to negotiate a lease extension for presentation to the Committee Members (for their consideration) at a future meeting.

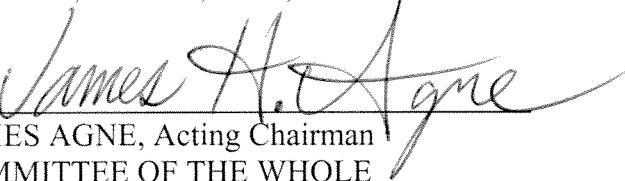
**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

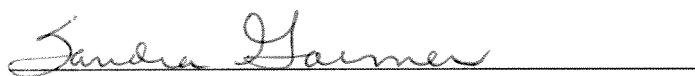
It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7:20 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



JAMES H. AGNE

JAMES AGNE, Acting Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Niemietz (Chairman Ebersohl absent) called the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:21 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler and Mathews.

Absent: Chairman Ebersohl.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson (arrived at 7:27 p.m.) and Aldermen Agne, Huch and Reis.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Acting Chairman Niemietz stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) the Main Street Streetscape Project; (2) Thin Bonded Overlay (Novachip) – IDOT Requirements; and (3) any other items to be considered.

**II. MAIN STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT DISCUSSION**

Acting Chairman Niemietz opened the meeting and called upon City Engineer Ron Williams to address the Committee/Council Members on this issue. Williams reviewed a document (distributed at this meeting) entitled “City of Columbia Streetscape – Estimate of Probable Cost”, which detailed the estimated Streetscape Project cost from Oak St. to Cherry St. (in the amount of \$594,000). He also informed the Committee/Council Members that a Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP) Grant (in the amount of \$300,000) was awarded to the city for the streetscape project (a

copy of the grant application had previously been distributed to the Committee/Council Members), in addition to \$143,000 in Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant funds available (for the project), and that the balance of the funds (with a minimum contribution of \$28,600) would have to be provided by the city. Ron also reminded the Committee/Council Members that bids on the Cherry Street Project will have to be let no later than June, 2013 and consideration may be given to bidding the projects at the same time (with the hope that one company may bid aggressively on both projects due to their proximity). He also stated that Preliminary Engineering work would need to begin in the near future to meet the bid letting date of June, 2013. City Administrator Hudzik then reviewed the current amount budgeted for the streetscape project (i.e., \$40,000) and indicated that Accounting Manager Sharp and he would have to review the city's finances to determine how the streetscape project (as presented at this meeting) and the Cherry Street Project could be funded. A general discussion then took place pertaining to the traffic calming features listed in the grant application, including the effect the bump-outs would have on traffic movement in the project area as well as pedestrian safety. It was the consensus of the Committee/Council Members that Williams present information pertaining to the traffic movement in the project area at a committee meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**III. THIN BONDED OVERLAY (NOVACHIP) – IDOT REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSION**

City Engineer Ron Williams informed the Committee/Council Members that new procedures were adopted by IDOT in December, 2011 pertaining to roadway resurfacing applications that required the city to develop a Pavement Preservation Plan – Ron reviewed several documents (distributed prior to and during this meeting) detailing the city's Pavement Preservation Plan, which must be approved by IDOT. Due to the newly adopted procedures and the approval(s) needed from IDOT, Ron informed the Committee/Council Members that the thin bonded overlay (Novachip) application scheduled for this year will be delayed until sometime next year when he anticipates doubling (the amount of) next year's roadway resurfacing overlay applications (to encompass this year's delayed project and the original project scheduled for next year).

**IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Mathews to adjourn the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, September 24, 2012 at 8:20 p.m. Upon

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Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSPP) Program FY 2012 Grant Application (6 pages)

Illinois Department of Transportation (Construction) Estimate of Cost (3 pages)

Illinois Department of Transportation Pavement Preservation Program Participation (5 pages)

Illinois Department of Transportation Estimate of Pavement Preservation Costs Approval (7 pages)

Illinois Department of Transportation Local Agency Pavement Preservation or Functional Overlay Approval (2 pages)

Roll Call vote, Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler and Mathews voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Mary Ellen Niemietz*  
MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Acting Chairman  
STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

*Sandra Garner*  
SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

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**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Huch called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:21 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler.

Absent: Alderman Ebersohl.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Mathews and Reis.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards, City Labor Attorney Mark Weisman and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Huch stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Huch entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages.

**MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to go into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION – REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting at 9:53 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting, the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler. Other Council Members present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Mathews and Reis.

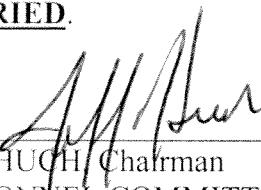
Chairman Huch asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting – there was none.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**  
None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 24, 2012 at 9:54 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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JEFF HUCH Chairman  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

  
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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant