

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
APRIL 8, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole 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: Committee Members - Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, and Martens. Mayor Hutchinson was also present.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wesley Hoeffken, City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Assistant City Attorney Luke Behme, Accounting Manager and Acting City Treasurer Linda Sharp, Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey, EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht, Chief of Police Jerry Paul, and Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing: (1) Approval of Minutes from the March 25, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting; (2) O'Reilly Auto Parts Architectural Review; (3) Business Licenses and Regulation; (4) FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment and Fund Transfers; (5) FY 2019-2020 Budget: Final Draft, Fee Schedule, and Salaries; (6) 540 South Riebeling Street; (7) Other Items to be Considered; (8) Public Comments; and (9) Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 25, 2019 COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE MEETING**

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Martens to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, March 25, 2019. Upon roll call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis, Huch, Holtkamp, and Martens voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. O'REILLY AUTO PARTS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey addressed the Committee regarding the architectural review request for O'Reilly Auto Parts. Mr. Dunakey stated O'Reilly Auto Parts, which will be located parcel number 04-16-349-011-000, is requesting approval to allow a mix of alternate building material for the building's exterior. The

alternate building material includes exterior insulation and finish system (EFIS), split face block, and scored smooth face block.

Adam Herberg, an O'Reilly Auto Parts representative, was in attendance and updated the Committee on the O'Reilly Auto Parts project. Mr. Herberg stated the project is a 7,228 square feet building, required to have 26 parking spaces but will have 29 parking spaces, and would expect to have six employees and 12 customers in the building at one time.

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp and seconded by Alderman Huch to recommend to City Council approval for O'Reilly Auto Parts architectural submission to allow alternate building material. Upon roll call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, and Martens voted yea. Aldermen Agne and Roessler voted no. Alderman Niemietz passed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATION

City Administrator James Morani recommended to the Committee to eliminate licensing for coin-operated vending machines, coin-operated amusement devices (excluding video gaming machines regulated by statute), and business vehicles. Mr. Morani stated it is difficult to regulate these types of activities and enforcement is lax.

V. FY 2018-2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS

Accounting Manager and Acting City Treasurer Linda Sharp presented the Committee the FY 2018-2019 budget amendment and fund transfers. Ms. Sharp stated the police equipment budget will increase from \$115,844 to \$171,202 using the county reimbursement for the camera project and tough books reimbursement. The ambulance parts and labor budget will increase \$10,000 due to the ambulance department receiving a grant. The library book fund will increase from \$25,670 to \$39,255 due to the library receiving a per capita grant.

Ms. Sharp explained two fund transfers which includes a transfer of \$350,000 from the Capital Development Fund to the General Corporate Fund, and a transfer of \$50,000 from the Garbage Fund to the General Corporate Fund.

VI. FY 2019-2020 BUDGET: FINAL DRAFT, FEE SCHEDULE, AND SALARIES

Accounting Manager and Acting City Treasurer Linda Sharp presented the Committee the final draft FY 2019-2020 budget. The final draft budget is \$3,901 higher than the draft budget presented at the previous Committee meeting.

Ms. Sharp reported on the FY 2019-2020 fee schedule stating the following:

- There will be an increase in water, sewer, and trash rates
- The building and zoning department added a zoning compliance report fee of \$100
- EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht suggests increasing ambulance rates 5% each year
- Business license fees will be \$25 for most businesses
- Home occupation business license fee will be \$40 initially and \$25 annually

- FBI criminal history background check fee will increase to \$48 and fingerprinting fee will increase to \$28.25

City Administrator James Morani stated FY 2019-2020 salaries will be discussed in executive session, but he is recommending most employee salaries be increased by 3%.

VII. 540 SOUTH RIEBELING STREET

City Administrator James Morani updated the Committee regarding 540 South Riebeling Street. Mr. Morani stated the residence will be demolished when DOPW has time.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

Chairman Ebersohl stated there was an anonymous person who wants to purchase crossing lights at the GM&O Heritage Trail. The crossing lights would cost \$1,000 and the anonymous person would pay half the cost if the City would pay the other half.

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and Alderman Martens to approve 50/50 purchase of crossing lights at the GM&O Heritage Trail. Upon roll call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Agne, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Ebersohl also stated he would like the City to bid fuel every year. He asked the Committee if there were any objections and there were none.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), (5), AND (11)

Chairman Ebersohl informed the Committee of the Whole that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, the purchase or lease of real estate, and litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), (5), and (11). Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Martens, to direct Chairman Ebersohl to go into Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and the purchase or lease of real estate, and litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (2), (5), and (11). Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Reis, to return to Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole at 9:26 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to Regular Session, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, Martens, and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Reis to adjourn the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, April 8, 2019 at 9:27 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, and Martens voted yea.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by:

Gene Ebersohl

Chairman Gene Ebersohl
Committee of the Whole

Kelly Mathews

Kelly Mathews, Deputy Clerk