

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2020 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

1. 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, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle. Mayor Hutchinson was also present.

Absent: None.

Quorum present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Administrator Doug Brimm, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Accounting Manager/Treasurer Linda Sharp, City Engineer Chris Smith, Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey, Chief of Police Jerry Paul, EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht, and Deputy Clerk Kelly Mathews.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, December 9, 2019. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from the December 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Huch to approve the Closed Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, December 9, 2019. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

5. Discussion of Appointment of Replacement Member to the Tourism Advisory Committee

Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey reported to the Committee there is a new general manager at the Hampton Inn. They have a position allocated to them on the Tourism Advisory Committee. There will be an ordinance presented at the January 20, 2020 City Council meeting appointing the new general manager, John Treet, to the Committee.

6. Discussion of an Ordinance Accepting a Water/Sewer Easement from Immaculate Conception Church

City Engineer Chris Smith stated there will be an ordinance presented at the January 20, 2020 City Council meeting to accept a water/sewer easement from Immaculate Conception Church. Mr. Smith stated it was discovered during construction of the school, there were easements were granted for Water and Sanitary Sewer Main to extend to the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and through property owned by Norman and Edward Schaefer.

7. Discussion of an Ordinance Accepting a Water/Sewer Easement from Norman and Edward Schaefer

See above agenda item for discussion regarding this item.

8. Discussion of an Ordinance Granting an Easement to O'Reilly Auto Parts

City Engineer Chris Smith reported there will be an ordinance presented at the January 20, 2020 City Council meeting to grant a sanitary sewer easement. The City needs to grant O'Reilly Auto Parts an easement to connect to the sanitary sewer since the sanitary sewer main is on City property.

9. Discussion of 2020 Council/Committee Meeting Scheduling

City Administrator Doug Brimm briefed the Committee regarding this matter. Mr. Brimm stated with the new format of the City Council meeting agendas, he would like to eliminate the Committee of the Whole Meetings to increase efficiency. The items that were brought before the Committee, would be introduced to the City Council under "New Business" where the items could be discussed. Aldermen would retain the ability to refer matters requiring significant consideration to the appropriate committee.

Alderman Roessler questioned if they could go back to meeting as the Committee of the Whole as they do now if they didn't like the new schedule.

Alderman Niemietz explained this is how the meetings used to be and Committee of the Whole hardly ever met. Mr. Brimm stated the second and fourth Monday's of the month will still be reserved for Committee meetings

Cindy Huseman asked if residents will need to attend all the different Committee meetings to know what's going on. City Attorney Terry Bruckert stated the City

still has to comply with the Open Meetings Act, and agendas will be posted with 48 hour notice.

10. Other Items to be Considered

Alderman Ebersohl inquired about the cell tower near D Road. Mr. Brimm explained the City doesn't believe it's the appropriate placement for a cell tower. However, since Monroe County adopted a zoning ordinance the City cannot control the development in that area.

11. Closed Session

- a. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body
- b. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body
- c. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Pending or Probable Litigation

Chairman Ebersohl informed the Committee of the Whole that he would entertain a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, pending or probable litigation, and purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to direct Chairman Ebersohl to go into Closed Session at 7:13 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to return to Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole at 7:45 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle voted aye. **Motion Carried.**

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

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

12. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:48 P.M. Upon Roll

Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle voted aye. Motion Carried.

Minutes written by:

Gene Ebersohl

Chairman Gene Ebersohl
Committee of the Whole

Kelly Mathews

Kelly Mathews, Deputy Clerk