

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mary Ellen Niemietz called the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:03 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews.

Absent: Alderman Agne.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Roessler, Huch and Reis.

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

Guests Present: Columbia American Legion Post No. 581 representatives Jim Vogt, Commander, James Mueller, Adjutant and James Mertz, Service Officer.

Chairman Niemietz stated the meeting was called for the purpose of (1) receiving a presentation on/discussing the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Process as it pertains to the American Legion property; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS ACQUISITION AND
DEVELOPMENT (OSLAD) GRANT PROCESS - AMERICAN LEGION
PROPERTY**

Chairman Niemietz made opening remarks and called upon Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis to address the Committee/Council Members on this issue. Paul reviewed his Memo of November 21st Re: Appraisal of American Legion Fields & Purchase Process and its attached letter from Jan Nation, Senior Grant Administrator, Division of Grant Administration, with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (which documents had previously been distributed to the Committee/Council Members). Paul informed those in attendance that the Certified Market Value of the American Legion Fields property (as determined by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources) was \$340,000, which (i) equaled the appraised value of the land only (without

the value of any of the buildings/improvements on the land as described in the appraisal submitted as part of the grant process); and (ii) resulted in a grant award to the city of \$170,000 (i.e., 50% of the Certified Market Value) rather than the \$240,000 requested in the grant application (which included the value of the buildings and improvements on the property). He also stated that he spoke to Jan Nation concerning the exclusion of the buildings and improvements when determining the Certified Market Value, and was told that OSLAD grant awards pertain only to the value of the vacant ground being purchased – he stated this has created a funding gap to be addressed in the city's purchase of the American Legion Fields property. Paul then distributed and reviewed a one (1) page document entitled "Process to Acquire American Legion Fields and Receive OSLAD Funds", which contained the steps to be taken to purchase the property and to receive the OSLAD grant proceeds – said document contained an approximate timeline to complete the process and receive the grant proceeds reimbursement. During Paul's presentation, all in attendance, including the American Legion Post 581 representatives, were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions, which included (a) options will have to be explored for the city to fund the difference between the Certified Market Value amount (of the land) of \$340,000 and the appraised value of the land and improvements (of \$475,000); (b) whether the American Legion membership would be willing to accept payments for the difference over a number of years without placing a lien on the property (since it was being purchased with OSLAD grant proceeds) – the American Legion Post 581 representatives said they would present that issue to the Post's Board/membership for their consideration; and (c) that the city must fund improvements to the property within five (5) years of the purchase date, as detailed in the grant application. Paul is to coordinate the property's purchase and the OSLAD grant processing with the American Legion Post 581 representatives and keep the Committee/Council Members informed of the progress being made. The Mayor then thanked the American Legion Post 581 representatives and the members of the Post for their cooperation in this matter, and for providing the American Legion Fields for recreational purposes during the past several decades.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Mathews and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7:22 p.m. Upon Roll Call Vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Chairman
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

Sandra Garmer

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS AND INTEREST
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roessler called the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:23 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Huch and Reis.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Niemietz and Mathews.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis, City Engineer Ron Williams (left at 7:30 p.m.), City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Roessler stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) Capital Projects – Financial Projections; and (2) any other items to be considered.

II. CAPITAL PROJECTS – FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS DISCUSSION

Chairman Roessler opened the meeting and called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee/Council Members on this issue. Hudzik distributed worksheets (from last year) entitled “Motor Fuel Tax Fund – Budget Projections”, dated 11-28-2011, and “Capital Development Fund – Multi-Year Cash Flow Projection”, dated 12/09/11, each containing multi-year cash flow analysis figures; he informed the Committee/Council Members that Accounting Manager Linda Sharp would be (i) reviewing the current (updated) worksheets for both funds, which had previously been distributed to the Committee/Council Members; and (ii) presenting data to reconcile the major differences detailed in said cash flow analyses from last year’s review vs. this meeting’s presentation. Linda (with comments from City Administrator Hudzik) then detailed some of the major differences in the projected receipts vs. projected expenses for each of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund (containing projections through FYE 04/30/17) and the Capital Development Fund (containing projections through FYE 04/30/16). During Linda’s presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions, which included (a) the cash flow analyses continue

to show negative cash balances at the end of some fiscal years, but those negative balance figures reflect reductions from the data shown on last year's worksheets; and (b) the reduction in the negative balances shown is the result of an increase in projected receipts (e.g., grants to be received) and a decrease in project costs due to more definitive figures being obtained or a reduction in the scope of the project(s). Accounting Manager Sharp and City Administrator Hudzik stated they would keep the Committee/Council Members informed of major changes to the projections detailed on the current worksheets presented at this meeting.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

City Administrator Hudzik stated the city had received correspondence detailing the Columbia Police Pension Fund's suggested 2012 Tax Levy amount (as actuarially determined by state law), which shows an increase from last year's amount, and that he expected to receive the Police Pension Board's official 2012 Tax Levy request letter in the near future – once the official request is received, it will be presented to the City Council.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2012 at 8:04 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Huch and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



MARK ROESSLER, Chairman
FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS AND INTEREST COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA CROSSING LITIGATION SETTLEMENT SPECIAL
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 26, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee 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: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch and Reis.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis, City Attorney Terry Bruckert and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Mayor Hutchinson stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing settlement options to litigation currently pending against the city.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to receive an update on and discuss settlement issues on the Columbia Crossing, LLC pending litigation matter.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Mathews to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to receive an update on and discuss settlement issues on the Columbia Crossing, LLC pending litigation matter. Upon Roll Call vote, Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION – REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Mathews to return to the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting at 8:13 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting, Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews were present. Other Council Members present: Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch and Reis.

Mayor Hutchinson asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting – there was none.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Mathews and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, November 26, 2012 at 8:14 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant