

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS AND INTEREST  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**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 7:32 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 Agne, Niemietz and Mathews.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Roessler stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) 2012 Tax Levy and Tax Abatement issues; (2) a StarCom 21 Interoperable Radio Equipment Loan; and (3) any other items to be considered.

**II. TAX LEVY AND ABATEMENT DISCUSSION**

Chairman Roessler opened the meeting and called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee/Council Members on these issues. Hudzik reviewed a previously distributed document entitled "Tax Levy Analytical Data for the Tax Years from 2006 – 2011 (& Recommended Tax Year 2012)" (Note: much of the data on this document had been reviewed and discussed at the October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meetings with the exception of the figures appearing in the column entitled "Recommended Tax Year 2012" which were presented for the first time at this meeting). His review concentrated on the figures appearing in the "Recommended Tax Year 2012" column which contained the recommended amounts to be levied in each of the city's various funds in 2012 – an additional column of figures showing the difference (in both dollar and percentage amounts) in the amounts levied in 2011 vs. the recommended amounts to be levied in 2012 was reviewed and Hudzik explained the reasons for the differences in those figures. During Hudzik's presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments – it was the consensus of the Committee/Council Members that an ordinance be presented at the next council meeting

incorporating the tax levy figures as recommended (and detailed) on the worksheet reviewed. Hudzik (with comments from Accounting Manager Linda Sharp) then reminded the Committee/Council Members of the annual abatement of taxes on the city's \$6,000,000 bond issue since bond payments are made (using utility tax receipts) from the Capital Development Fund – he indicated a Tax Abatement Ordinance would be presented at the next council meeting for the council's consideration.

**III. STARCOM 21 INTEROPERABLE RADIO EQUIPMENT LOAN DISCUSSION**

City Administrator Hudzik (with comments from Accounting Manager Sharp) then reviewed a "Draft" Promissory Note in the amount of \$65,000 payable (by the city) to Monroe County over a three (3) year timeframe. The purpose of the loan was for the purchase of StarCom 21 interoperable radios and equipment needed for the city to transmit signals via Monroe County's StarCom 21 800 MHz P25 system in order to comply with FCC mandated radio broadcast frequency changes effective January 1, 2013. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee/Council Members that a resolution (authorizing approval of said Promissory Note) be presented at the next council meeting for the council's consideration.

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

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

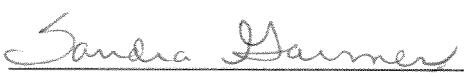
**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:45 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 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 10, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:46 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing and discussing (1) Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance Changes; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM PLAN OF OPERATION AND  
GOVERNANCE CHANGES REVIEW/DISCUSSION**

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik reviewed a previously distributed document containing proposed language changes to the city's Electricity Aggregation Program that had been forwarded to him by Philip Carr of Good Energy – the changes incorporated (i) an additional Opt-Out Process for eligible new residential and small commercial accounts; and (ii) language allowing for the enrollment of new accounts into the city's electricity aggregation program under the same terms and conditions as those who were initially enrolled – the document also contained notes from a phone conversation Hudzik had with Mark Fanning, the Managing Supervisor of Business Operations at Homefield Energy (the electricity aggregation program's supplier), wherein Homefield's concurrence was expressed to the proposed changes. During Hudzik's presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments – it was the consensus of the Committee Members that Hudzik (along with the City Attorney) coordinate the incorporation of the proposed language changes into the city's Electricity Aggregation Program documentation with Homefield Energy personnel, and present the necessary documentation (to incorporate said proposed changes) to the city council for its consideration in the future.

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

(A) Mayor Hutchinson informed the Committee Members that (i) the Illinois Commerce Commission initiated a proceeding to develop rules regarding municipal aggregation to implement the appropriate provisions of the Illinois Power Agency Act and the Public Utility Act; and (ii) the city had joined the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus (along with many other Illinois cities that have municipal electricity aggregation programs) so that group could represent our interests concerning said issue.

(B) City Administrator Hudzik then distributed and reviewed a letter from the city's attorney, Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC, dated December 7, 2012, advising the city that a law firm reorganization is occurring due to the passing of Harold Belsheim earlier this year; Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC will cease its operations on December 31, 2012 – effective January 1, 2013 a newly organized law firm, Bruckert, Gruenke & Long PC, will perform all legal services that had previously been performed by Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC, and the personnel will be the same as currently exists at the Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC law firm. Hudzik indicated the necessary documentation would be presented at the first council meeting in January (i.e., January 7<sup>th</sup>) to appoint the firm of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, PC as the city's attorney for the remainder of the city's fiscal year (i.e., until April 30, 2013) due to said reorganization.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

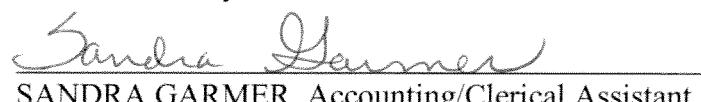
#### **MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Reis 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, December 10, 2012 at 7:55 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 10, 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 7:55 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: None.

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

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp 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 Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Roessler to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION – REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Roessler to return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting at 8:01 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, 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 Ebersohl, 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**

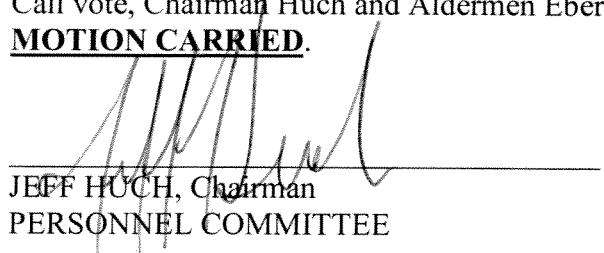
None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, December 10, 2012 at 8:02 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, 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

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,  
DECEMBER 10, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**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 8:17 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews.

Absent: None.

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

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp 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 8:17 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 8:25 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 Agne, 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**

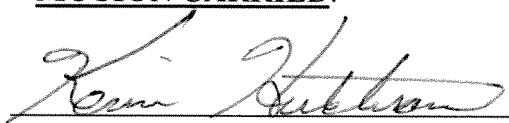
None.

**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, December 10, 2012 at 8:26 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews voted yea.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



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KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

Minutes taken by:



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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant