

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 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 7:00 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, Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis (left at 7:30 p.m.), Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), City Attorney Terry Bruckert and Accounting Manager Linda Sharp.

Guests Present: Dennis Patton, Chairman of the Columbia Heritage and Preservation Commission and Alberta Spradling, Chairman of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Historic Board.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of (1) receiving a presentation on the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trails; and (2) reviewing/discussing (i) the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Historic Board's water connection fees request; (ii) an Attorney General's opinion concerning Executive Sessions; and (iii) any other items to be considered.

**II. KASKASKIA-CAHOKIA TRAILS PRESENTATION (BY DENNIS PATTON)**

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis, who made introductory remarks and informed the Committee Members that resolutions will be presented in the near future in Monroe County, the City of Waterloo and the City of Columbia to advocate marking the trails to be discussed in Dennis Patton's presentation – he then introduced Dennis Patton. Dennis made a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trails" containing a history of the trails (an upper trail and a lower trail) and the significance they played in the development of the land in this area. The presentation began in the late 1600s and contained pictures, maps and depictions of the trails, as well as life along the trails – it identified several buildings (many of historic significance) in the areas along the trails (including many in the City of Columbia) and it incorporated pictures showing travel by

water and land (e.g., by horseback, stagecoach, train, street car, bicycle, car, etc.). During Dennis's presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments – many of which were complimentary of the presentation and the historical significance of the information it contained.

### **III. ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WATER CONNECTION FEES**

#### **DISCUSSION**

City Engineer Ron Williams briefly reviewed the letter submitted by Alberta Spradling, Chairman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Historic Board, dated January 7<sup>th</sup>, requesting a waiver of water connection fees for the church and school buildings – Ron indicated that for the church members/general public to be able to use the buildings, the State Plumbing Code requires that restroom facilities be available – he also indicated that sanitary sewer connections would be needed and then reviewed the connection fees (i.e., \$1,870/water connection and \$2,070/sanitary sewer connection). Alberta Spradling then addressed the Committee Members and gave a brief history of the buildings and the Church Historic Board's plans to restore the buildings so they can be used – she said the church has been cleaned and they are beginning to work on cleaning the school building – they then plan to renovate the buildings, but their funds are limited and, therefore, they are requesting the connection fee waivers. During Ms. Spradling's presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

#### **MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recommend to the City Council that the water connection and sanitary sewer connection fees be waived for the St. Paul's Lutheran Historic Church and school buildings located on W. Liberty Street. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **IV. REVIEW /DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**

#### **CONCERNING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

City Attorney Terry Bruckert reviewed a Memorandum from attorney Doug Gruenke re: Attorney General Public Access Opinion 12-013 pertaining to (i) actions necessary to hold a closed session when litigation is probable or imminent; and (ii) reaching a consensus during a closed session.

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

Recognition was given to Police Chief Edwards and Columbia Police Department officers for their role in helping capture the suspects of several bank robberies in the St. Louis area, including the one at the Commerce Bank facility in Columbia.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois

held Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:50 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:

Albert G. Hudzik

ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY  
HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Agne called the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:50 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

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

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards, City Attorney Terry Bruckert and Accounting Manager Linda Sharp.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Agne stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review (1) Amendments to the City's Animal Nuisance Regulations; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S ANIMAL  
NUISANCE REGULATIONS**

Chairman Agne opened the meeting and briefly reviewed his e-mail to the Committee/Council Members of February 7<sup>th</sup> pertaining to animal nuisance regulations amendments, in which he made reference to various sections of the Columbia Municipal Code pertaining to animals and nuisances. The Committee/Council Members then again reviewed (see January 28, 2013 OPZ Committee Meeting minutes) the City of Chesterfield's Sec. 5-2 language pertaining to dogs, cats and other animals creating a nuisance, and discussed incorporating similar language into the city's municipal code.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recommend to the City Council that city staff present the necessary documentation to incorporate language similar to the City of Chesterfield, Missouri, animal nuisance regulations into

Columbia's Municipal Code. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** A straw poll was taken: Aldermen Roessler, Huch and Mathews voted yea.

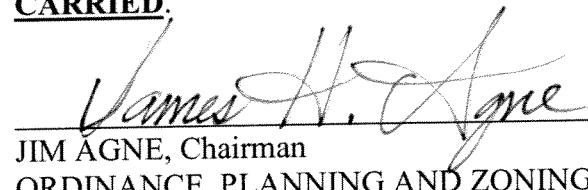
**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

A brief discussion was then held pertaining to the length of time a dumpster could be located at a residence during construction/renovation – it was decided to discuss this topic in more depth at a future committee meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

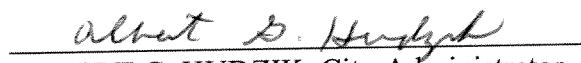
**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, February 11, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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JIM AGNE, Chairman

ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

  
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ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 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 8:00 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 (left at 8:45 p.m.), Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards (left at 8:45 p.m.), City Attorney Terry Bruckert and Accounting Manager Linda Sharp (left at 8:45 p.m.).

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Huch stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Huch entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees.

**MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to go into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees. 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 9:26 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**

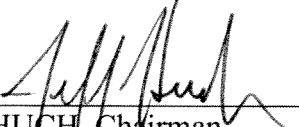
None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, February 11, 2013 at 9:27 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea.

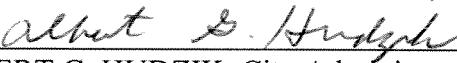
**MOTION CARRIED.**



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JEFF HUCH, Chairman  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:



ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator