

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the Executive Session of the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:20 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

II. STATED PURPOSE

Mayor Hutchinson stated the Executive Session was called to discuss collective negotiating matters between the City of Columbia and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

A. Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries

City Administrator Al Hudzik gave an overview of the status of negotiations with the FOP, covering issues that both sides have agreed upon as well as those that still seem to be at an impasse. Mr. Hudzik informed the Council that he, Attorney Mark Weisman and Chief of Police Joe Edwards would be attending a meeting of mediation with the FOP on Wednesday.

Mr. Hudzik also outlined the arbitration process, should that become necessary, covering the deliberation steps of arbitration. He also covered the approximate costs that would be incurred by the City if negotiations reach the arbitration level.

Mr. Hudzik and Chief Edwards led a discussion that included the Council Members and the Mayor related to those issues being negotiated that are still unresolved. It was the consensus of the Mayor and the Council Members that the City has negotiated in good faith and will continue to do so.

After discussion as to parameters, it was the consensus of the Council and the Mayor to grant Mr. Hudzik, Chief Edwards and Attorney Weisman the needed leeway on behalf of the City during the Mediation Hearings.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Council in Executive Session, Mayor Hutchinson asked for a motion to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 9:23 PM.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, August 3, 2009 at 9:23 PM.

Moved by: Roessler

Second: Hejna

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea

Row

Yea

Stumpf

Yea

Agne Yea

Hejna

Yea

Roessler

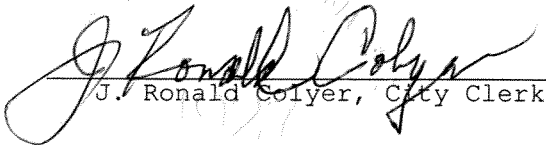
Yea

Niemietz Yea

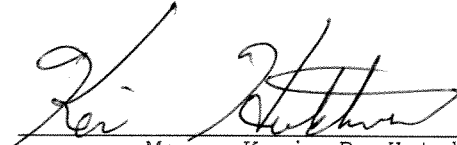
Oberkfell

Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson