

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL
ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Niemietz called the Executive Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:36 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Row, Hejna, Oberfell and Roessler.

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

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Niemietz stated the Executive Session was called to consider (a) the purchase of specific parcel(s) of real estate, including the review of an Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) grant application; and (b) the lease of specific parcel(s) of real estate.

**III. CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIC PARCEL(S) OF REAL
ESTATE – REVIEW OF OSLAD GRANT APPLICATION**

Director of Community and Economic Development Ellis began the meeting by reviewing the OSLAD Grant Application (for the purchase of the American Legion's parks property) that had been compiled with the assistance of Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation and Development personnel. He reviewed the OSLAD Application Checklist, as well as the OSLAD Grant Application (three (3) pages), and the supplemental information required to complete the application. Various topics touched upon included (i) Project Information; (ii) Estimated Costs of Property Acquisition and Development (development items are described in detail on P. 2 of the application); (iii) Sources of Local Matching Funds; (iv) Acquisition Status; and (v) the Narrative Statement. He reminded the Committee/Council Members that grant application approval is needed and that he intended to present it at the June 21, 2010 City Council Meeting. He also informed the Committee that the Columbia Bike and Greenway Alignment Plan, as amended, is part of the application – he stated this plan will need to be reviewed and updated – he hoped to have it reviewed and updated by the proper

advisory boards and presented to the City Council for their approval prior to the site visit by State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources personnel, which visit is part of the process when considering grant approval. During Mr. Ellis's presentation/review, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions. It was the general consensus of the Committee/Council Members that (a) the purchase of the American Legion's parks property would be beneficial to the City and its residents; and (b) the OSLAD Grant Application should be submitted substantially in the form as presented.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE LEASE OF SPECIFIC PARCEL(S) OF REAL ESTATE

Mr. Ellis reviewed his MEMO of June 2, 2010, pertaining to the leasing of the American Legion's park property; the twelve (12) items detailed in Mr. Ellis' MEMO were terms requested by representatives of the American Legion in a meeting attended by the Mayor and Mr. Ellis on June 2nd. Each of the twelve (12) items was addressed on an item by item basis (items 1 & 2 called for the land to be preserved for public recreational use and to retain the name of "American Legion Memorial Park" in perpetuity – since the proposed terms call for a two (2) year lease, these items can only extend through the term of the lease). During the review of the twelve (12) items on the MEMO, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions. It was the general consensus of the Committee/Council Members to have City Attorney Tom Adams draft a lease agreement containing provisions reflecting the twelve (12) items contained in Mr. Ellis' June 2nd MEMO, so it can be presented to the American Legion representatives for their review and the Legion's approval.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Agne to adjourn the Executive Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of Monday, June 14, 2010 at 9:08 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Stumpf voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mary E. Niemietz

MARY E. NIEMIETZ, Chairman
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken By:

Sandra Garner

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert S. Hudzik

AL HUDZIK, City Administrator