

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:42 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Mayor Hutchinson, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Row, Hejna and Roessler.

Absent: Aldermen Agne, Oberfell and Stumpf.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joseph Edwards, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: Columbia Community Unit School District No. 4 Superintendent Ed Settles and School Board Members Ronald Langhans and Scott Middelkamp.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a) Discussion of pricing issues for the possible sale/lease of real estate

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered.

Mr. Settles addressed the committee and explained the master plan the school is developing with administrators, coaches, etc. He noted the school needs a transportation site and green space for students and would like to know if the city has any land it would consider selling as the school district is looking to purchase property. Mr. Settles, School Board Members, Mayor Hutchinson, and Committee members discussed the Admiral Trost Park property the city owns. It is comprised of 33 acres and the school would need 20 acres. The area could be divided up into three areas, part of it could be sold and the trail could stay. It was determined this area would not be suited for a transportation site

for the school buses. It was added that if the school would purchase part of this land for soccer fields, this would free up all other Columbia parks for recreational activities.

It was the consensus of the committee that the school board develops a concept plan to bring back to the committee with the number of fields, number of students, gender, programs, etc. and provide access and parking plans for the area discussed. Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis and City Engineer Ron Williams will work with the school board as well. It was added that appraisals for City property would have to be completed for any properties that would be sold.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia held Monday, November 9, 2009 at 9:18 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Row, Hejna and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Eugene J. Ebersohl*  
EUGENE J. EBERSOHL Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken By:

*Donna Mehaffey*  
Donna Mehaffey, Deputy Clerk