

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF
CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gene Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:30 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of the EMS Division Ken Buss and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to discuss the employment of legal counsel for the city.

Employment of Legal Counsel

City Administrator Hudzik distributed and reviewed copies of correspondence (dated February 24, 2012) received by Mayor Hutchinson from the Illinois Labor Relations Board (“ILRB”) Re: City of Columbia (Emergency Medical Services) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31 (“AFSCME”), Case No. S-RC-12-046 stating that the ILRB had received a representation petition from AFSCME indicating that a majority of the employees of the Columbia EMS Division, claimed on the petition to be appropriate for collective bargaining representation (i.e., all full time and regular part time employees), wish to be represented by AFSCME for collective bargaining purposes. Hudzik indicated that the city has to provide certain information to the ILRB (as requested and pursuant to law) and recommended that attorney Mark W. Weisman be employed as labor counsel to advise the city in this matter. It was the general consensus of the Committee Members that Mr. Weisman be employed as labor counsel as recommended.

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Reis to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, March 12, 2012 at 8:38 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Piazza and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes Taken By:

Sandra Garner

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert G. Hudzik

ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator