

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM
OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman 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 8:25 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards, Labor Attorney Mark Weisman and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to (i) receive an update on EMS negotiations; (ii) receive an update on and discuss pending litigation; and (iii) discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body.

EMS Negotiations Update

City Administrator Al Hudzik (with comments from Labor Attorney Mark Weisman) updated the Committee Members on the AFSCME/EMS negotiating session of September 5th. Hudzik indicated that Weisman, Edwards, Bound and he were in attendance representing the city but only LaPorte was in attendance representing AFSCME/EMS employees, since Darin Hartman had contacted LaPorte just before the meeting to indicate he would be unable to attend due to the illness of family members. During his update, Hudzik indicated additional Article language was agreed upon and the city made counter-offers (as discussed at the August 25th Committee Meeting) pertaining to the vacation and paid volunteer wages requests of AFSCME/EMS – both he and Weisman indicated discussions continue pertaining to “no strike language” with the offer of interest arbitration from AFSCME/EMS for such a provision, and the severance pay being requested by AFSCME/EMS in the event of EMS services subcontracting. Both Weisman and Hudzik indicated they felt progress was being made – Hudzik informed the

Committee Members that the next negotiating session has been scheduled for September 19th.

Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

Discussion on the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Agne to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, September 8, 2014 at 8:57 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp 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