

**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 22, 2014 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 Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 9:48 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: Alderman Agne.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joseph Edwards and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: None.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to (a) receive an update on EMS Negotiations; and (b) discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body.

**III. UPDATE ON EMS NEGOTIATIONS**

City Administrator Al Hudzik reported that last Friday, September 19, 2014, there was a negotiating session attended by AFSCME representative Ed LaPorte and Columbia EMS representative Darin Hartman and City representatives Chief of Police/EMS Director Joseph Edwards, Labor Attorney Mark Weisman and City Administrator Al Hudzik. Mr. Hudzik stated that most of the items have been taken care of and that a lot of progress was made. Mr. Hudzik went over the items that have been accepted and the items that are still outstanding. The next negotiating session will be on October 10, 2014. Mr. Hudzik added that an Executive Session may be called during the regular City Council Meeting of October 6, 2014 to discuss outstanding issues.

IV. **DISCUSSION ON THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY**

**EMPLOYMENT OF CURRENT CITY ADMINISTRATOR AL HUDZIK BEYOND OCTOBER 20TH**

Mr. Hudzik reported that the next City Administrator, James "Jimmy" Morani, asked him if he could stay on an extra week or so as an assistant to help during the transition period of Mr. Morani assuming the City Administrator's position (on October 20<sup>th</sup>). Hudzik indicated he is willing to stay on to help as long as Morani feels it is necessary, but would like to be paid his same salary during that period. Mr. Hudzik added that he planned to attend the October 20, 2014 City Council meeting.

Mr. Hudzik also informed the Committee that he does not expect nor does he want to be paid for 240 hours of sick leave at retirement and plans to include those sentiments in a letter to the Mayor and City Council.

The Committee Members seemed OK with Mr. Hudzik's offer so he said he would continue working as long as City Administrator Morani felt it was necessary (approximately one week or a little longer).

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, September 22, 2014 at 10:18 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl  
GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes Taken By:

Donna Meaffrey  
DONNA MEHAFFREY, Deputy Clerk

Albert G. Hudzik  
ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator