

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
MAY 8, 2017 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Committee Members - Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp and Martens. Mayor Hutchinson was also present.

Absent: Alderman Reis.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, City Engineer Chris Smith, Director of Community Development Emily Fultz, Chief of Police and EMS Director Jerry Paul, Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests: Mr. Jay Wohlschlaeger of SWT Design, Ms. Holley Maher and Mr. Pete Shemetulskis of OneDigital Health and Benefits (formerly MRCT Insurance Agency) and Mr. Lee Letourneau of Cigna HealthCare.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing: (1) Approval of Minutes from the April 24, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting; (2) Admiral Trost Wetlands Project; (3) Group Health Insurance Plan; (4) GM&O Trail; (5) Subdivision Code; (6) IT Support Services; (7) City Council Standing Committees; (8) Small Cell Wireless Facilities; (9) Other Items to be Considered; (10) Citizen Comments; and (11) Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 24, 2017 COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING**

The minutes of the April 24, 2017 Committee of the Whole committee meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Committee of the Whole committee meeting. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **III. ADMIRAL TROST WETLANDS PROJECT**

City Engineer Chris Smith reported on the Admiral Trost Wetlands Project. Mr. Smith said he has been asked to proceed with the project per its original design. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Jay Wohlschlaeger of SWT Design was in attendance and is leading the design team for this project. Mr. Smith also said that SWT Design was involved with the drafting of the Admiral Trost Park Master Plan. Mr. Smith referenced the exhibit map of the overlay of the proposed project to the committee in the City Council Chambers. There was another exhibit map that showed more detail, for example, the native plantings. The area is located in the northwestern portion of the park. The goals of the wetlands project is to develop water quality, increase floodplain storage and provide educational opportunities for the public in the Carr and Wilson Creeks watershed. The project is a three-acre wetlands area; there will be two pedestrian bridges, decorative hardscape and native plantings. The project will be out for bid this summer. Mr. Smith said one item they are looking to do with the project specs is a bid alternate for a three-year maintenance proposal to have the native plantings maintained by a company since it takes a while for them to get established. DOPW will not be maintaining the plantings until after the three years. Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Wohlschlaeger to provide a project overview update to the committee.

Mr. Wohlschlaeger said this is the first phase of the project that came out of the Admiral Trost Park Master Plan. The intent for the park as a whole was a balance of active and passive recreation. One of the passive elements was the idea of developing some of the wetlands area for storm water management and flood control, but also as a passive education element in the park. In 2015, the first phase was the wetlands area in the park and was to move forward. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said SWT Design, Williams Creek Engineering and SCI Engineering had developed the plans for the earth work, development of the wetlands and plantings along with minor modifications to the trail along the park edge. To develop the wetlands, they were looking to help mitigate the rising water along Carr Creek and also provide some earth work for future development of the park. Because this area is in a flood way and flood plain, soil or materials can't be brought in to build areas up. The open field or playground area will be built up with the soil. This will set up the City for future phases of the park. All of the plans and specs were ready to go in December 2016, but wanted to wait for Mr. Smith to be on board with the City and to review the project with City staff. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said the project is ready to move forward and put out for bid. The IDNR permitting is in place per Mr. Wohlschlaeger. He added there are a few minor edits to the plans and then some coordination internally to do with City staff. It will then be ready to go out for bid. Mr. Wohlschlaeger is excited about the project going forward, but it will take some time to get the project established once completed. Mr. Wohlschlaeger feels the stewardship contract for the three years of maintenance on the landscape will be beneficial to the City as there is a significant amount of plantings.

Mayor Hutchinson asked Mr. Wohlschlaeger how the water will be kept from becoming stagnant. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said the area is graded to drain and will pool at times when needed. With the grade and slope that is there, there is a flood control at the low end of the wetlands. So if you wanted to fully drain it, you could. There is a slotted wall that you can

lift so you can set the elevation you want at the wetlands and it can be drained as well. Mr. Wohlschlaeger added that with the combination of the plant material and the improvements it will bring from an oxygenation level, as well as the different wildlife and the whole ecosystem that it will create, it will help balance everything. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said it will not be similar to a low area in your lawn with pooled water from a heavy rain that will become a haven for mosquitoes. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said it will be a thriving ecosystem that will regulate itself.

Alderman Niemietz questioned Mr. Wohlschlaeger to elaborate on the modifications to the trail. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said that on the hillside down to the Admiral Park area, there are two points where there are storm water pipes that daylight out and drain in the park area. In the bid package, the pipe daylights will be dressed up with stone and there will be dry creek below. Sections of the trail will be removed where the pipes cross the trail and will have bridges installed so that the water can flow underneath the trail and it can stay open with the bridges even when water is flowing through there. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said it is a way to improve the use of the trail when it is wetter in the area and also to improve the storm water and the water flow through the park site.

Alderman Roessler asked if the creek actually has flow pipes to fill, circulate the water and come back out at the lower end where the depth could be adjusted. He wondered if that was just a bypass where it actually accumulates the water from the creek, then repeats and redistributes back into the creek. Mr. Wohlschlaeger explained what it does. There is an existing drainage channel in the middle of the park site where all the water flows and where it backs up. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said what they are doing is creating a low flow holding area at the top of that. Right where the water comes past the trail, there is a semi-circulator holding area with two small pipes in the bottom of it. With just normal flow, the water will continue to flow through that channel as it does now; it will be a slow release into the creek. When there is a significant water flow into it, those pipes can only release so much water at a time, the water will fill up. There is an over flow that will go into the wetland at that point. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said they are diverting those heavy water flows so they will normally go into the creek. When the creek backs up, it will be flushed back into the park diverting back into the wetlands and using the wetlands as a storing capacity. If there is significant water flow, there is actually an overflow back out of the wetlands and an overflow at the holding area that overflows back out into the main channel that continues to let it flow back into the creek. Then at the low end of the wetlands, there is a flow control element, basically a slotted gate and you can put the different panels in to set the elevation how you would want it. So however you want to hold the water in the wetland, you can manage that and release it at any rate you want. It is similar to a spillway. Alderman Roessler asked if the area would be rip rapped or just all grass. He is concerned about erosion. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said it is planted and there is some stabilization in there. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said he does not believe there is a lot of rip rap in that area. The intent is that the wetland will hold and there won't be a constant flow out of the wetlands and it would just be an overflow out of the control gate. On the back side of it, there is some stabilization on the back side of the gate. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said during a heavy rain event, it would start a direct flow into it. The water coming out of the parking lots and the drives within the Admiral Trost Development will fill up the wetlands directly and it will take a significant amount of water to raise the elevation in

the main channel to overflow back into it. There is an initial holding area, then an overflow into the wetland, and then it will flow back into the channel. It has been engineered to have the volume capacity to take on a significant capacity in the wetland depending on what level you want to hold the water. The intent is to protect the rest of the park property from inundation due to the back up along the creek or due to the heavy flow and continued deterioration and erosion of the center channel within the park so it makes it an amenity and provides other opportunities for development within in the park by managing that in a specific location. Mr. Wohlschlaeger added that the main flow area, the initial holding area, the overflow into the wetland, and the overflow into the channel are all boulder rock lined. It is stabilized with boulder rock and then it transitions back into vegetation once the brunt of the velocity is cut at that point. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said the walkway will be on the perimeter of the wetland approximately where the trail is located now and will only be on the one edge of the wetland. It could not be looped because there is a large utility easement on the creek side and there is an access drive along there too. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said there would have to be a future phase to place a loop walkway around the entire area and is difficult from a grading and access point as well.

Alderman Niemietz referenced the eastern end of the wetland area to Mr. Wohlschlaeger. Alderman Niemietz said this is the holding area before it goes into the main channel and there is a spillway on the west side before you get to Valmeyer Bridge. Mr. Wohlschlaeger concurred that this area becomes the outflow. Mr. Wohlschlaeger reported there will be several layers of vegetation including trees and different sizes of plant material to get an initial impact of plantings so that there is some scale to the landscape as well as layers of understory, seeding and the scrub shrub zones. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said it will be a significant planting. Mr. Wohlschlaeger also stated their goal is to have the project out to bid and under construction late summer so the plantings for the wetlands will be completed next spring as the plantings are better suited that time of year. He added most of the main construction work could be done this year.

Alderman Holtkamp inquired if the area would be deep enough to support fishing. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said the area is not intended to be a standing water body for an extended period of time of more than just a couple of feet. It would not be a lake amenity and it would be more of a vegetated amenity with only a little bit of water in it. Fishing would not be a primary use.

Alderman Niemietz questioned after the three year period is over with the plantings, will there be a training element with regard to the DOPW staff maintaining it and added there will be a bit of a learning curve on it. City Engineer Chris Smith said the DOPW staff will have to be trained or complete shadowing on the care of the plantings. Mr. Smith does not want to lose any of the plants. Mr. Wohlschlaeger said the companies that do this type of plantings are fairly specialized. Their goal is to get the plantings in, help establish them, and there is a lot of work the first few years. But once the plantings are established, it becomes a seasonal type of maintenance. The company that will take care of the plantings for three years do not typically stay on longer and will train and shadow workers.

Alderman Roessler questioned how the relocation of the soil will work. Mr. Smith explained the original intent was to have the soil removed from the wetlands area to the old Video Exchange property. Mr. Smith said the wetlands area and the old Video Exchange property had separate permitting from the IDNR. Mr. Smith added this turned out to be a good thing because all of the materials in the wetlands area will stay in that same area and the materials at the old Video Exchange property are at the confluence of Wilson and Carr Creeks in the lower area. The old Video Exchange property developers will pay for their own materials relocation (800+ yards of soil) and the City will pay for their own relocation of the materials in the wetlands (16,000+ thousand yards of soil).

Alderman Niemietz asked Mr. Wohlschlaeger to explain the purpose of the wetlands project with our storm water, mitigation, and utilization of the 33 acres of the wetlands on the property; if that was the intent in the beginning and is that emphasized enough for the reason to have this type of park concept or should it be something more of an active type park. Mr. Wohlschlaeger responded that the location of the park and the challenges of it being located in the floodplain or floodway lent itself well with the balance of active and passive. He added that the Admiral Trost Park Master Plan process was a strong element in the vision and is very exciting.

Mr. Morani reported this was an update prior to the City moving forward. Since it is the desire to proceed with this project, per the Master Plan, it was included in this year's budget. Mr. Morani also said the project will be ready to go out for bid in four or five weeks.

#### **IV. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN**

Mr. Morani explained to the committee that the BCBS of Illinois health insurance renewal was nearing and the rate increase is high. Mr. Morani said he informed Ms. Holley Maher and Mr. Pete Shemetulskis of OneDigital Health and Benefits (formerly MRCT Insurance Agency) to go to market for better quotes. They were also in attendance. Mr. Morani added that the City has received a quote from Cigna HealthCare which is very competitive. Mr. Lee Letourneau from Cigna HealthCare was in attendance. Mr. Morani distributed two Cigna HealthCare proposal drafts, one which the pharmacy benefits were not combined with the Out-of-Pocket Max and one which the pharmacy benefits were combined with the medical for the Out-of-Pocket Max.

Ms. Maher addressed the committee.

- Cigna's quote is nearly half of BCBS of Illinois' renewal increase of 25%.
- In addition to managing the cost, need to maintain a strong plan design and a strong network of providers for City of Columbia employees. Also maintain a similar level of benefits.
- Preference is to avoid employees completing health statements and applications.
- Cigna has two different plan design options. One costs more and would eliminate the OOP Max Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). With the HRA, you don't know how many claims are going to be incurred by the employees because the out-of-pocket costs are being reimbursed.

- With the Cigna plan, they have numbers that are medically underwritten and have a large network with Cigna.
- This plan design is partially self-insured. (Example of fully self-insured plans: Monsanto Company and Anheuser-Busch Companies.) They have self-insured plans where the company is at risk if many employees hit their specific stop loss. With a large company, there are a lot of dollars coming into the plan, so you can manage having that type of exposure.
- Cigna has a level funded plan which will be billed the same every month.
- The City will not be at risk for paying a huge dollar amount at the end of the year if the City incurs bad claims. If the City has a good year, Cigna will share in the surplus with the City. (Example: If there is a \$10,000 surplus at the end of the year, Cigna will keep one third of the amount, the City will get the remaining two thirds amount, and there will be a credit on Cigna's administrative expenses.
- Cigna health insurance makes sense for the City and is a level funded plan.
- The Cigna plan is a mirrored plan of what the City has with BCBS of Illinois currently (90% co-insurance with a \$500 deductible and all co-pays would be the same).
- With the Cigna plan, there will be a 10.1% proposed increase if the \$1,000 Out-of-Pocket Max is kept separate and if it is combined with health and prescription, there is a proposed 13% increase with the HRA eliminated.
- Cigna is a nationwide network.
- Cigna has a Wellness Fund.
- Mr. Morani and Mr. Shemetulskis are disappointed with the quality of client support with BCBS of Illinois.

Mr. Morani referred to the Cigna plan as a hybrid plan (partially self-insured). Mr. Morani also said it was difficult to get the exact same plan benefits with other insurance companies. Mr. Morani said with the new plan, the problem will be solved with the urgent care issue. (Various urgent care facilities were billing the employee different co-pays.) No HRA will be needed. Also, prescriptions may be filled at CVS and Walgreens pharmacies in Columbia. (Currently on the BCBS of Illinois plan, prescriptions can't be filled at CVS. This was a change that BCBS of Illinois made last year and several employees had to change their prescriptions to another pharmacy). Mr. Morani does not believe there will be any issues with the transition with the network as long as the employees can keep their doctor. Mr. Morani said the only change will be the network and a new insurance card for the employees. Mr. Morani said another item that will be fixed is the combined Out-of-Pocket maximum once it exceeds \$1,000. (Currently on the BCBS plan, the Out-of-Pocket maximum is \$1,000 each on the health and prescription and was not a combined \$1,000 plus it creates additional work for employees to find the records of what was paid on the website.) Mr. Morani said he is looking at the Cigna dental plan and can get a 1% decrease if the networks are similar. The Cigna quote is a one year quote, per Alderman Roessler's question. Mr. Shemetulskis said with the Cigna plan, the City will receive monthly claims reporting. Mr. Morani said the City should consider switching health insurance plans.

Accounting Manager Linda Sharp said Cigna has a Wellness Fund which she thought would be good for the employees. Mr. Letourneau of Cigna said the City could get a Wellness

Fund, that is funded at approximately \$1,000. There would be a person who is a dedicated health improvement strategist. (Examples would be a walk challenge for the employees, etc.). Mrs. Sharp also said the amount budgeted for the health insurance is under what was budgeted at 15%. It comes in at 13% for the Cigna plan. It is better than the increase of 25% for the BCBS of Illinois insurance.

Alderman Martens commented to do what is best for the City and the Cigna plan sounds like a good plan. Ms. Maher added that they can come on site for benefit education for the employees and the Cigna team can as well.

Mr. Morani said he is checking on one item. He wants to make sure the \$1,000 out-of-pocket maximum amount is inclusive of the deductible. Mr. Letourneau is following up on this item. Mr. Letourneau will also get rates on the dental. Mr. Morani explained how the new insurance information will be disseminated.

It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the higher amount of the Cigna Level Funded Plan (combined OOP max) with the possibility of a 1% decrease if the City changes to the Cigna Dental Plan. Mr. Morani said the Cigna HealthCare proposal for group health insurance may be ready for consideration at the next City Council meeting on May 15.

V.

#### GM&O TRAIL

Mr. Morani updated the committee on the GM&O Trail. Mr. Morani and Parks Chairman Niemietz were in attendance at the Gedern Subdivision HOA meeting, Alderman Holtkamp was also in attendance as a homeowner and an Alderman. Mr. Morani and Alderman Niemietz attended the meeting to speak to the residents about new information the City received regarding the trail ownership. They also verified the legal description and Mr. Morani believes the meeting was very productive. Some of the residents were still confused that the trail ownership was not in the name of the HOA. The City is not planning to get involved with this as Mr. Morani said this was between the HOA, the homeowners and the developer. Mr. Morani said right now the City is dealing with the attorney for the LLC that is the owner of record for the property, but the City wants to get questions answered from the homeowners as part of the process. Mr. Morani said this is a continuing project and the City is close, but he needs to further discuss this with City Attorney Terry Bruckert to see what the City's next steps will be. Mr. Morani said the City has determined that the legal description is correct. This was verified by Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor Mr. Jim Vogt of Heneghan & Associates. The prior deed was also researched and verified for consistency with the current legal description. Mr. Morani said they were hoping the HOA would acknowledge the City's acceptance of the trail through the passage of a resolution. Mr. Morani added that on the plat it does say that the HOA is responsible for the maintenance of the common areas. Mr. Morani then said they do not own the one the City is looking to acquire.

Although it appears the HOA is not the legal owner of record for the trail, the City is hopeful that a majority of the homeowners are in favor of what the City is trying to do.

Alderman Holtkamp said all of the HOA and homeowners will have to vote on it. Alderman Holtkamp added they only voted to research and investigate it.

Mr. Morani did say there was one question that came up about the barriers or fencing that currently border the trail. These are the homes that border the trail in the rear of the subdivision. The homeowners bought the property thinking it was a private trail.

Mr. Morani added their subdivision covenants do not allow fences. Alderman Holtkamp asked if the covenants are applicable to that piece of land. Mr. Morani said it depends where it is placed and if it is on the trail, then the covenants would not apply (as opposed to the homeowner's lot). Mr. Morani summed up that there are still some unanswered concerns from the HOA.

Mr. Morani said they are still moving forward but are still in dialogue with the homeowners.

Mr. Morani mentioned that Mr. Joe Sander, who is a history buff and is interested in the railroad, volunteered to create a website for the history of the GM&O Trail. Mr. Morani said he secured a web domain entitled: ColumbiaTrail.net. Mr. Morani stated he bought a domain for two years; \$15.00 per year and a link can be added to our website. Alderman Niemietz said historically, the official name is "GM&O Heritage Trail".

## VI.

### **SUBDIVISION CODE**

Mr. Morani mentioned the last committee meeting to the committee where Plan Commissioner Eugene Bergmann voiced his concerns over the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Morani reminded the committee that Director of Community Development Emily Fultz is working on updating the Zoning Code and will eventually move on to the Subdivision Code. Mr. Morani said in order to get to the updating of the comprehensive plan, he does not want a situation with a large development coming to the City and then there is not a current comprehensive plan in place. Mr. Morani reported that a colleague of Ms. Fultz is interested in assisting with updating our Subdivision Code. Mr. Morani said Ms. Fultz's colleague could start in June and the price range for the Subdivision Code update is \$8,000. Mr. Morani said the updating of the Subdivision Code could coincide with the Zoning Code update and by the end of this year, both updates could be completed.

Alderman Niemietz inquired about the timeline. Ms. Fultz said in order for the Comprehensive Plan to be updated, there is a lot of public engagement needed and with both Subdivision and Zoning Codes updated, it would place the City in a good position. Mr. Morani reported that currently, the Subdivision Code has been amended in piece-meal fashion. Mr. Morani added the Comprehensive Plan could be updated next year and it is imperative to get the Zoning and Subdivision Codes updated first. Alderman Roessler gave his opinion to get the Zoning and Subdivision Codes updated promptly. Mr. Morani said there is money right now in the budget for it and Ms. Fultz's colleague is excited about updating the Subdivision Code.

Mr. Morani said the colleague's name is Mr. Scott Hanson and was recently employed with the City of Edwardsville, Illinois. Mr. Morani said he will confer with City Attorney Terry

Bruckert about the contract for Mr. Hanson. Mr. Morani said that during the process, Mr. Hanson will likely attend at least two Plan Commission meetings and one committee meeting or one City Council meeting. Mr. Morani further stated that Ms. Fultz and Mr. Hanson will be working together on the Subdivision Code and Mr. Hanson will be reporting to Ms. Fultz. The position will be a consultant.

All present were given the opportunity to pose questions, make comments and offer opinions. It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the updating of the Subdivision Code and employing Mr. Scott Hanson as an independent contractor for this project.

## VII.

### IT SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Morani presented the Request for Proposal draft for Information Technology Services for the City of Columbia.

Mr. Morani explained that Police Chief Jerry Paul and Administrative and IT Assistant Kathleen Endraske assisted with compiling software the City uses at the Police Department. Mr. Morani said that the current IT Support Services, REJIS, is not working out, and the City is now with REJIS on a month-to-month basis. Mr. Morani added he wants to keep a good relationship with REJIS in case they are needed again and they have been very professional about the expected transition. Mr. Morani will place the RFP out this Wednesday, May 10 and will be due on May 31 at 4:00 P.M. Mr. Morani also said the biggest part of it is the Police Department side of it. The IT services need to have experience with their software.

Mr. Morani hopes to bring the RFP responses to the IT Committee on either the first or second week of June, to the Committee of the Whole on June 26 and on to the July 3 City Council meeting for the selection of a vendor.

Alderman Roessler commented that previously with an RFP for IT Services, the firms that responded were double of what REJIS was charging. Mr. Morani said if the City stays with REJIS, the City will request several changes.

It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the RFP for Information Technology Services for the City of Columbia.

## VIII.

### CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Morani reviewed the City Council Standing Committee Restructuring Proposal with the committee. Some of the current standing committees (Committee of the Whole, Economic Development and Growth, and Education) were not listed in the Municipal Code Book. Mr. Morani said he is basically consolidating the committees. Mr. Morani said this was an original idea of him and City Clerk Wes Hoeffken. Mr. Morani discussed the issue with City Attorney Terry Bruckert, who also concurred that the committees should be consolidated. Alderman Holtkamp said the restructuring makes sense and he is comfortable with the concept.

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning; Building Permits; and Economic Development and Growth would become the **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development** committee. The Ambulance, Radio Communications and Dispatch and Fire Department would become the **Public Safety** committee. The Water and Sewer; Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities; Refuse Collection and Recycling; and Health and Sanitation would become the **Public Infrastructure, Municipal Services and Utilities** committee. The Finance, Bonds and Interest; and License, Insurance Claims, and Civil Defense would become the **Finance** committee.

Mr. Morani said no decision was needed right now and it can be brought back to the committee at a later date. It was the consensus of the committee to bring this item back to the committee for further discussion.

## **IX. SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES**

Mr. Morani gave an update on pending state legislation regulating small cell wireless facilities. Mr. Morani added the attorney at IML said that the telecom industry is lobbying strong for this bill. The IML attorney was fairly confident some form of the legislation would be passed and suggested Mr. Morani may want to move forward on the small cell wireless facilities in the City of Columbia if it can reach a reasonable agreement with the applicant seeking to place these in the City's ROW. Mr. Morani said right now, the company would like to have the City just issue a permit to place the small cell wireless facilities on an Ameren pole. (The company said they have permission from Ameren to place the small cell wireless facilities on their poles.) Mr. Morani said he is not comfortable with simply issuing a permit to this company. Alderman Holtkamp stated he does not believe they should be given a permit without other review procedures in place.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee for Mr. Morani to invite the company representative to the next committee meeting to discuss his proposal with the committee.

## **X. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

There were no other items to be considered.

## **XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)**

Chairman Ebersohl inquired if there was a need to go into Executive Session. There was none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Martens to adjourn the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, May 8, 2017 at 8:48 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by:

Gene Ebersohl  
GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Donna Mehaffey  
Donna Mehaffey, Deputy Clerk