

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Building Commissioner John Kildea, and Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 19, 2005 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 19, 2005, as on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Building Commissioner

The monthly and annual report of the Building Commissioner was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the Building Commissioner as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Fire Marshall

The monthly report of the Fire Marshall was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

C. Administration - Executive Secretary

The report of the Executive Secretary was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 2428 - FGM Services Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2428, an ordinance authorizing a Professional Services Contract to employ FGM Architects Engineers, Inc. to perform

a Space and Needs Analysis for the City's Public Safety Complex at 1020 North Main Street, Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the Executive Secretary as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Zoning Board of Appeals

The report of the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the Zoning Board of Appeals as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2429 - Splash Car Wash Hold Harmless Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2429, an ordinance authorizing an agreement between Kammermeyer and Trost Enterprises, Inc., an Illinois Corporation, and the City of Columbia, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation, regarding the encroachment of a car wash for the Splash Car Wash on a City sewer easement located on Lot 15A of the Southwoods Subdivision in the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2430 - Masonry Coverage Requirement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to pass Ordinance No. 2430, an ordinance enacting an exterior wall masonry coverage requirement for single family dwelling homes located in all residential zoned districts in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Alderman Huch and Mayor Hutchinson voted nay. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

F. Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Row, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:20 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:36 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch and Mayor Hutchinson were present. Alderman Row left the Executive Session at 8:31 PM.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session. There was none.

G. Director of Community and Economic Development

The report of the Director of Community and Economic Development was presented to the Council

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the report of the Director of Community and Economic Development as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. Mayor

Mayor Hutchinson deferred his report until the next meeting of the Council.

I. City Clerk

Mr. Hoeffken presented his report to the Council.

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Report of Collections

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing October 26, 2005 and ending November 25, 2005, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 30, 2005; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred nineteen thousand, five hundred sixty-six dollars, and thirty-one cents (\$219,566.31). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Temporary Banner Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Temporary Banner Request for the Columbia Rotary as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee reports.

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, January 23, 2006

7:00 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 8:52 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson