

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:05 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 Inspector Al Holden, 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 18, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 18, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Aldermen Conrad and Huch voted nay. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Crown Linen - Sewer Rate Request

Alderman Conrad suggested that he schedule a meeting with personnel from Crown Linen and Mike Hemmer, Ron Williams, and Morris Linnemann to discuss the request and bring a recommendation to the Council. The Council agreed with Alderman Conrad's suggestion.

2. Ordinance No. 2523 - Architectural Review Board Fee

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2523, an ordinance amending Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to add Chapter 18.117 to Title 18 to be entitled "Architectural Review Board Fees" to be charged for the remainder of the City's fiscal year ending April 30, 2007 and until Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again amended by ordinance of the City enacted to change said fees and charges. Upon Roll Call

vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2524 - Maverick TIF Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2524, an ordinance authorizing an Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City of Columbia, a municipal corporation in the State of Illinois and Maverick Real Estate Holdings, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company to develop, construct, and lease an office building on Lot No. 8 in the Admiral Trost Development Subdivision and in the City's Admiral Parkway Tax Increment Development District. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Row voted nay. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, 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.

B. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

C. Administration Department

1. Employ Rachele Starr - Full Time Telecommunicator

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to accept the recommendation of the Chief of Police and hire Rachele Starr as a Full Time Telecommunicator effective immediately and contingent upon the results of a drug screening. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Administration Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. City Attorney

1. Brellinger 2nd Addition - Improvement Plans

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and approve the Improvement Plans for the Brellinger 2nd Addition Subdivision. 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 Ebersohl, 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.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any reason for an Executive Session. There was none.

VI. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 28, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred fourteen thousand, five hundred nine dollars, and fifteen cents (\$114,509.15). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Underground Utilities - Old Towne Project

Alderman Ebersohl suggested that the Council consider placing all utilities underground as part of the Old Towne Project and investigate using part of the Utility Tax to help fund. Alderman Ebersohl then stated that the City Engineer is already researching the cost. Alderman Conrad stated that the City could finance the major line, but the individual property owners should have to pay for their individual service.

IX. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee reports.

X. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

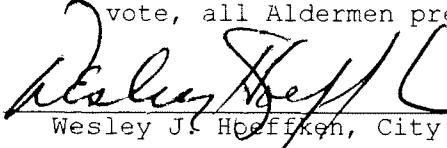
Monday, January 15, 2007
8:00 PM - Committee of the Whole

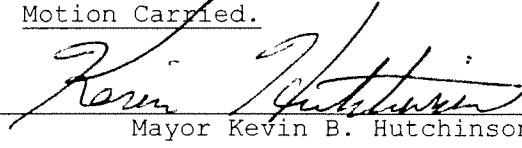
Monday, January 22, 2007
7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole
7:05 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation
7:10 PM - Personnel
7:20 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:55 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.


Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson