

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Conrad, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch.
Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:05 PM.
Alderman Koesterer arrived at 7:07 PM.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, City Treasurer Bob Naumann, and City Auditor Gene Schorb.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2007 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2007, as on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2007 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2007, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Land of Lincoln

Mr. Tom Rollins addressed the Council regarding the Land of Lincoln property.

Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:05 PM.
Alderman Koesterer arrived at 7:07 PM.

Mr. Tom Rollins informed the Council that he is one of the owners of the Land of Lincoln properties and that the clock on multi-family development for that property expires March 27, 2007. Mr. Rollins then explained that he is in negotiations with a party who develops retirement communities and is also working with an agent who specializes in office building developments. Mr. Rollins stressed that there is no contract with either party but negotiations are in the process.

B. Columbia Crossing Eminent Domain Discussion

1. Ordinance No. 2535 – Amend Master Development Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2535, an ordinance authorizing a Second Amendment to a Master Development Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Columbia Crossing, L.L.C, a Missouri Limited Liability Company and to approve the form of the same. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Administration Department

1. Columbia Chiropractic Family Fair Event

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the request of Columbia Health Center LLC (Columbia Chiropractic) to organize and hold the Columbia Family Fair to serve as a grand opening of Columbia Chiropractic under new ownership and management of Jason C. King, D.C.. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Sanitary Sewer Repairs – Accept Bids

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the low bid of \$16,825.00 as submitted by Walden Associated Technologies to line two sanitary sewer locations within the City of Columbia sewerage system. 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 Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the Administration Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Fire Department

The monthly report of the Fire Marshall was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

C. Police Department

The report of the Chief of Police was presented to the Council

MOTION:

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

D. EMS Department

The monthly report of the Director of the Columbia Emergency Medical Service was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

E. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

F. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2536 - Abatement of Methamphetamine Contamination

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2536, an ordinance requiring abatement of methamphetamine contamination of buildings or structures in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2537 - Amend Municipal Code - Water Meters

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2537, an ordinance requiring water meters in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be equipped with automatic read devices as required by the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2538 - Briar Lakes Subdivision Infrastructure

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Row, to pass Ordinance No. 2538, an ordinance accepting ownership by dedication of the public streets, sanitary sewer system, water distribution system, and storm sewer system in the Briar Lake Estates Phase One and Phase Three Subdivisions in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. False Alarm Assessment Bill

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to direct the City Attorney to work with Senator Luechtefeld and State Representative Dan Reitz to draft the False Alarm Assessment Bill providing a fee structure for repetitive false alarms reported to police and fire departments of non-home rule units of government, and to proceed with drafting an ordinance for the Council to review. 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 Niemietz, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

G. City Clerk
Mr. Hoeffken presented his report to the Council.

1. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing January 26, 2007 and ending February 25, 2007 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing January 26, 2007 and ending February 25, 2007, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. Mayor
Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Statement of Funds

The report of the City Auditor was presented to the Council.

1. Transfer of Funds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the City Treasurer to transfer \$2,500.00 from the General Operations Fund to the Library Operations Fund as budgeted. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

B. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Row, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 1, 2007; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred seventy-three thousand, six hundred ninety-five dollars, and nineteen cents (\$173,695.19). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, March 12, 2007 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Administrator.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, March 12, 2007 as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee
Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, March 12, 2007 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, March 12, 2007 as on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, March 26, 2007

7:00 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Utilities
7:05 PM - Committee of the Whole

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:02 PM for the purpose of discussing 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 Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:12 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

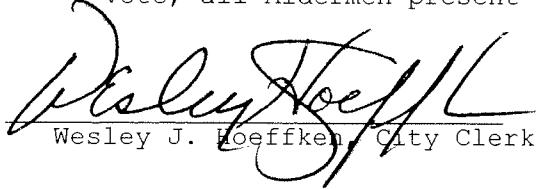
Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

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

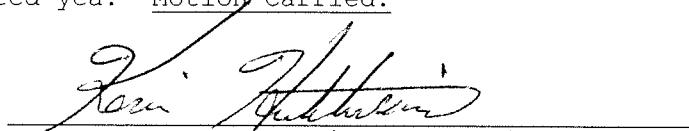
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 19, 2007 at 8:13 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.



Wesley J. Koeffken, City Clerk



Kevin B. Hutchinson