

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 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 7:00 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: Alderman Koesterer.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, City Attorney Tom Adams, Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer, Building Inspector Alan Holden, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Williams, Administrative Assistant Theresa Lucas-Stephan, Plan Commission Chairman Edith Dean and Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2007 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2007 as on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2007 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2007, as on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Columbia Crossing Update - Terry Grewe

Mr. Terry Grewe of G. J. Grewe, Inc. addressed the Mayor and Council stressing the importance of the Columbia Crossing Development and the City of Columbia Advisory Public Question on the April 17th Consolidated Election Ballot to the City of Columbia.

Mayor Hutchinson stated that we need to stick to the facts, and stop spreading untruths, on the Columbia Crossing Development.

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT/OFFICERS

A. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Williams presented his monthly report to the City Council.

1. Resolution No. 09-2006 - Brellinger

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hutch and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to approve Resolution No. 09-2006, a Resolution to conditionally approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for the Brellinger Third Addition Subdivision in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe and State of Illinois. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hutch and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2539 - Reseal Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to pass Ordinance No. 2539, an Ordinance to Authorize an agreement to employ McConnell & Associates Corp. of St. Louis, Missouri to reseal Bolm-Schuhkraft Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hutch and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2540 - Employ Oakley Services, Inc. for Generator and Transfer Switch

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to pass Ordinance No. 2540, an Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to employ Oakley Services, Inc. of Okawville, Illinois to supply and install a generator and transfer switch at 1020 North Main Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hutch and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance No. 2541 - Employ HD Supply Waterworks for Water Main Replacement Material

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad and seconded by Alderman Row to pass Ordinance No. 2541, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ HD Supply Waterworks of St. Louis, Missouri to supply Legion, Young and Daleview Water Main Replacement Material for the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hutch and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

5. Ordinance No. 2542 - Employ Walden Associated Technologies, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Linings

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to pass Ordinance No. 2542, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Walden Associated Technologies, Inc. of Glen Carbon, Illinois to install cured in-place linings in two (2) sanitary sewer locations in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hutch and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

6. Monroe County Highway Dept. - Bluff Road Patch

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Conrad for the City to be placed on the Monroe County Highway Dept. Bluff Road patch project in the amount of \$6,227.00. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Hutch voted yea. Motion Carried.

7. Resolution No. 10-2006 - 2007 MFT Funds

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Agne to pass Resolution No. 10-2006, a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for 2007 MFT in the sum of \$234,978.96. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Huch and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to accept the monthly report of the City Engineer/Director of Public Works as presented. Upon Voice Vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Economic Development Department

Monthly Report

The March 2007 report of the Economic Development Department was presented to the Council by the Director of Community and Economic Development, Mike Hemmer.

1. Fort Piggott Site - Letter to Columbia Historical Society

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall and seconded by Alderman Agne to send a letter to the Columbia Historical Society for the City of Columbia regarding the Fort Piggott site. Upon Roll call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row and seconded by Alderman Huch to accept the March 2007 report of the Economic Development Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Building and Zoning Department

The March 2007 report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the Council by Building Inspector Alan Holden.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the March 2007 report of the Building and Zoning Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Plan Commission Report

The March 26, 2007 Plan Commission Report was presented to the City Council by Chairman Edith Dean.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the March 26, 2007 Plan Commission Report as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. City Attorney

City Attorney Tom Adams presented his report to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 2543 - An Ordinance to Extend a Moratorium on Approval of Subdivision Plats for New Building Construction in all of the Zoned Districts in the City Pending the Enactment of a Traffic Generation Assessment Ordinance.

MOTION:

After a lengthy discussion on whether or not the ordinance is legal and should or should not be approved, a motion was made by Alderman Unnerstall and seconded by Alderman Agne to pass Ordinance No. 2543, an Ordinance to Extend a Moratorium on Approval of Subdivision Plats for New Building Construction in all of the Zoned Districts in the City Pending the Enactment of a Traffic Generation Assessment Ordinance. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Unnerstall and Row voted yea. Aldermen Conrad, Niemietz, Huch and Mayor Hutchinson voted nay. 4 Yeas and 4 Nays - Tie Vote. Motion Failed.

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. Administration Department

City Administrator Anthony Traxler presented the monthly Administration Department Report to the City Council.

1. Monthly Complaints Report

City Administrator Anthony Traxler explained to the Council how the Monthly Complaints Report was generated from the new complaint database, administered by City Engineer Ron Williams, and that the database will be used as a City-wide complaint tracking tool.

2. Education Incentives Approval

It was the consensus of the City Council that this item be referred to the Personnel Committee for review.

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

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 23, 2007; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred twenty thousand, eight hundred twenty-one dollars, and twenty-seven cents (\$320,821.27). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Early Redemption of December 1, 2008 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

No Action.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Knights of Columbus Request for Permission to Solicit Funds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Agne to approve the Knights of Columbus Mentally Handicapped Drive in the City of Columbia on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, 2007 provided the City of Columbia is provided with an updated Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Columbia as an additional insured prior to the event. Upon voice vote, all aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole - March 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, March 19, 2007 were presented to the City Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, March 19, 2007 as presented and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, April 9, 2007
7:10 PM - Personnel

Monday, April 9, 2007
7:15 PM - Combined Meeting of the Ordinances, Planning and Zoning and the Streets, Sidewalks and Drainage

X. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to recess the City Council Meeting of April 2, 2007 at 8:29 PM and to reconvene after the Committee Meetings. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

XI. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to reconvene the City Council Meeting of April 2, 2007 at 9:40 PM. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

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

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 9:41 PM for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Litigation. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 10:23 PM. Upon Roll Call Vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to the Regular Session, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 2, 2007 at 10:24 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.



Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson