

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**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:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Row</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle

The Council and citizens in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. DELEGATION**

A. Jack Norman - Gateway Connector

Postponed.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting of March 15, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 15, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 15, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Hejna      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of March 15, 2010

The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 15, 2010 were submitted for approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 15, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Stumpf      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea

Niemietz      Yea      Oberkfell      Yea

Motion Carried      7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Police Department

1. Change in uniforms

Police Chief Joe Edwards led a brief discussion with Council Members concerning plans for new uniform colors for Columbia Police Officers. Chief Edwards indicated that Federal Drug Asset-Seizure Funds would be used to offset the costs of the uniforms.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2010 were presented.

2. A Recap of the March 22, 2010 Open House and Public Hearing at Shoemaker Schoolhouse was presented by Director Paul Ellis. Mr. Ellis indicated that 65 people attended the Open House/Hearing.

3. Ordinance to Declare the Shoemaker Schoolhouse in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2773, An Ordinance to Declare the Shoemaker Schoolhouse in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

4. Mr. Ellis informed the Council that a Candlelight Vigil in Memory of Sherri, Gavin & Garrett Coleman is being planned for May 5<sup>th</sup> in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park.

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report:

The City Engineer's Report was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Mr. Williams presented the Preliminary and Final Plats for Grandview Bluff Estates. A question and brief discussion regarding park-set aside land ensued. No Council action on the question was taken.

3. Library Roof Project Re-Bid Results were presented. Mr. Williams noted discrepancies in the bids related to the specifications and indicated that he would like for the Library Board to examine the bids before a decision is made.

4. An Ordinance to Authorize Purchase of Material for Wecker Station Piping

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2774, An Ordinance to authorize the purchase of material for the Wecker Station Improvements from

Schulte Supply, Inc. of Edwardsville, Illinois for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

5. Mr. Williams informed the Council that the acquisition of easements for the Kunz Street Improvement Project has been accomplished and will be completed when payment due the property owners is accomplished.

6. Mr. Williams updated the Council on the status of both the Old Town Project and the Palmer Road Project.

7. Mr. Williams reported that he and City Administrator Al Hudzik have interviewed five candidates for the Assistant City Engineer position.

**D. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2010**

The Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2010 were presented to the City Council by Edith Dean.

**E. City Attorney**

1. Resolution to Approve Preliminary Plat for Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 16-2009, a Resolution to approve a Second Preliminary Subdivision Plat for the Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision located in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe and State of Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Ordinance to Approve Final Plat for Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2775, an Ordinance for conditional approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

**F. Finance Department**

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through April 1, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred twenty-three thousand, six hundred three dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$223,603.89).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Stumpf      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. A Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer From the Capital Development Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 17-2009, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Capital Development Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of two hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$245,000).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Nay	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Nay		

Motion Carried 5 to 2

G. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report-City Administrator Al Hudzik

2. Ordinance to Authorize a Professional Service Contract for Cleaning Services at Municipal Buildings

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2776, An Ordinance to authorize a Professional Services Contract to hire Kleen Sweep Cleaning Service of Waterloo, Illinois to provide Professional Cleaning Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

3. Ordinance Granting a New Interim Cable Television Franchise to Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C. for a New Term until October 1, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2777, An Ordinance granting a New Interim Cable Television Franchise to Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C. for a new term until October 1, 2010 subject to the conditions herein.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Stumpf      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
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Agne Yea  
Niemietz Yea

Hejna Yea  
Oberkfell Yea

Roessler Yea

Motion Carried 7 to 0

#### 4. City Officers and Employees Salary Ordinance (FY 2009-2010)

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented a proposed ordinance to establish salary and remuneration for full time City Officers and Employees of the City for the fiscal year May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010. A brief discussion ensued.

Alderman Hejna proposed that each employee's salary should be listed individually in the ordinance. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to move on the ordinance as proposed. Alderman Hejna noted that she would vote nay on the ordinance because of the issue related to her proposal.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2778, An Ordinance To establish the salary/remuneration of full-time appointed City Officers and Employees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year of the City commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Nay
Agne Yea	Hejna	Nay	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 5 to 2

#### H. Mayor

##### 1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the March, 2010 Mayor's Report to the City Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the reports of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Hudzik presented a brief budget presentation/discussion. He advised the Council that a public hearing on the budget would be held April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.
- B. Alderman Ebersohl reported to the Council on a meeting he and Alderman Stumpf had with the Rural Fire Department Board.
- C. Alderman Niemietz announced that the Celebration 2009 Committee has built a time-capsule which will contain artifacts from the Sesquicentennial's year of

celebration, to be opened in 2059. The Time-Capsule will be displayed in the Clerk's Office until July.

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 22, 2010

The Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, March 22, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 22, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Stumpf      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Abstain	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 abstention

B. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 22, 2010

The Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, March 22, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, March 22, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Stumpf      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Abstain	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 abstention

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 22, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Executive Session minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, March 22, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Stumpf      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Abstain	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 abstention

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - APRIL 12, 2010**

7:00 PM - Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

7:10 PM - Committee of the Whole

7:20 PM - Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

7:30 PM - Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation  
7:40 PM - Personnel

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Discussion to consider the purchase of specific parcel(s) of real estate.
- B. Personnel - Employee Discipline
- C. Personnel - Update/discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of meetings (A) where the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered; (B) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; (C) on collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. for the purpose of meetings (A) where the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered; (B) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; (C) on collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Stumpf                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:30 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, Roessler 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.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to ratify the employment of Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, to represent the city regarding the personnel disciplinary matter discussed in executive session.

Moved by: Niemietz

Second: Roessler

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea  
Agne Yea  
Niemietz Yea

Row  
Hejna  
Oberkfell

Absent  
Yea  
Yea

Stumpf  
Roessler

Yea  
Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 5, 2010 at 9:33 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl

Second: Agne

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea  
Agne Yea  
Niemietz Yea

Row  
Hejna  
Oberkfell

Absent  
Yea  
Yea

Stumpf  
Roessler

Yea  
Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson