

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of Columbia, Illinois was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Piazza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Alderman Piazza was counted present electronically. However, contact with him was interrupted for the remainder of the meeting and, as a result; he was unable to vote on the proceedings.

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 John Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input checked="" 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Edith Dean

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Alderman Gene Ebersohl as Mayor Pro Tem until Sunday, June 24, 2012 due to the absence of Mayor Hutchinson.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Abstain	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 To 0 with 1 Abstention

II. DELEGATION

A. None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of June 4, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 4, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 4, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of June 4, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, June 4, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, June 4, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Head Librarian Erica Pyle.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

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

E. Community & Economic Development

Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented the following to the City Council.

1. Civic Progress Committee Meeting Minutes - January 31, 2012

2. Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2012

3. Presented a Calendar Memo - June 2012 Activities

4. Ordinance to Adopt a Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and the Columbia Historical Society regarding ownership, Preservation & Maintenance of Lot 11A of the Bluff View Estates Subdivision, commonly known as the "Schneider's Farm" Property

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2958, An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute a Cooperation Agreement with the Columbia Historical Society regarding ownership, preservation and maintenance of Lot 11-A of the Bluff View Estates Subdivision, commonly known as the "Schneider's Farm" Property.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

5. Ordinance to Adopt a Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and the Columbia Historical Society regarding display of Historic Items and Artifacts.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2959, An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute a Cooperation Agreement with the Columbia Historical Society regarding display of Historical Items and Artifacts.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

6. Mr. Ellis gave a brief Recap of the International Economic Development Council Spring Conference.

Mr. Ellis also announced that Columbia will be the site for the 2013 American Planning Association-Illinois Section in May.

F. City Engineer - Report

1. Engineer's Report

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

His report included: a-information regarding meetings with businesses regarding Cherry Street; b-the status of the IEPA inspection of the closed landfill; c-information on the Illinois American Water Chlorination Project; d-updates on the Temple Street sidewalk work, the Liberty and Washington Streets waterline installation and the Mund Easement on the Mule Water Tank property.

2. Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 02-2012, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

G. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long presented the following item.

1. Approval of Terms of Settlement of STS Custom Homes, Inc. Litigation

City Attorney John Long informed the Council that the city's insurer, the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA), reached an agreement to settle the litigation in the amount of \$400,000 contingent upon the City of Columbia agreeing to pay half of the settlement amount; he also indicated that the IMLRMA offered to pay the entire settlement amount as long as the City of Columbia agreed to sign an interest free promissory note for its share of the settlement amount.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the terms of settlement for the STS Custom Homes, Inc. Litigation, as presented by City Attorney John Long.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 To 0

H. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through June 14, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-seven thousand nine hundred eighty-three dollars and four cents (\$257,983.04).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 To 0

I. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council which included an update on the status of the Municipal Electricity Aggregation.

2. Ordinance of the City of Columbia, Illinois Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of said City

MOTION:

SECTION
It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2960, An Ordinance of the City of Columbia, Illinois Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers, and Mechanics employed on Public Works of said City.

Eberschl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

J. Mayor

No Report.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council the approval of the Engagement Letter from Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC for audit services, in the amount of \$17,400 plus out of pocket costs (with the total cost not to exceed \$18,000), for the City's fiscal year ending on April 30, 2012.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Engagement Letter from Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC for audit services, in the amount of \$17,400 plus

out of pocket costs (with the total cost not to exceed \$18,000), for the City's fiscal year ending on April 30, 2012.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - June 11, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

B. Personnel Committee

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 11, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - June 11, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 to 0

C. Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1. Regular Session Minutes - Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Minutes tabled for approval.
2. Executive Session Minutes - Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Minutes tabled for approval.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JUNE 25, 2012

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. - Columbia Lakes Area Community Unit Plan
(North & South) Cooperation Agreement(s) review/discussion

Personnel - 7:15 P.M. - Executive Session: Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 18, 2012 at 7:50 P.M.

Eberschl		Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 5 To 0

J. Ronald Colyer
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK