

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois
Held Monday, May 02, 2022 in the Council Room of City Hall.**

A. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hill and German Exchange Student Emma Kehm called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 PM.

B. Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury.

Absent: Alderman Roessler.

Quorum present.

Administrative Staff present:

City Administrator Douglas Brimm

City Clerk Andrew Hitzemann

Deputy Chief of Police Karla Heine

City Engineer Chris Smith

Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey

City Attorney Terry Bruckert

Chief of Police Jason Donjon

Deputy City Clerk Kelly Mathews

EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentations

1. Gedern Gesamtschule Student Exchange Group

Mayor Hill and Andreas Heuser presented the German Exchange Students certificates of appreciation honoring them as ambassadors of peace by the City.

2. Oath of Office – Officer Aaron Muendlein

Mayor Hill administered the Oath of Office to Aaron Muendlein.

E. Business Prior to Public Input

1. Resolution No. 2022-10 Authorizing the Retirement of Columbia Police Department Police Dog “Daggo” and Approving the Transfer of Ownership of “Daggo” to Sergeant Zack Hopkins

Mayor Hill announced Resolution No. 2022-10 will be postponed until the May 16, 2022 Council meeting.

F. Public Input

There was no Public Input.

G. Comments & Announcements – Mayor

There were no Mayor Comments & Announcements.

H. Comments & Announcements - Aldermen

There were no Aldermen Comments & Announcements.

I. Comments & Announcements – Department Directors

There were no Department Directors Comments & Announcements.

J. Consent Agenda

City Clerk Hitzemann read the Consent Agenda.

1. Motion to Approve Minutes of the April 18, 2022 City Council Work Session
2. Motion to Approve Minutes of the April 18, 2022 City Council Public Hearing
3. Motion to Approve Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
4. Motion to Approve Closed Session Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
5. Motion to Approve Payment of Vouchers for the Period of April 14, 2022 through April 28, 2022 in the Amount of \$220,764.73
6. Motion to Approve Annual Treasurer’s Report for Fiscal Year 2022 for the Columbia Police Pension Fund
7. Motion to Approve Statement of Funds for March 31, 2022

Mayor Hill inquired if the Council wished to remove any items prior to a motion. There were none.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

- 7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury
- 0 Nay:
- 1 Absent: Roessler
- 0 Abstain:

K. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business addressed by the Council.

L. New Business

1. Discussion of City Regulations Pertaining to In-Fill Development

City Administrator Doug Brimm stated there are issues in older parts of the City where lots were never developed and currently the City is experiencing issues pertaining to the development of two such lots, and is anticipating issues in the future pertaining to others. The current issue is two lots located on Kosciusko Street, which is technically a dead-end street, and has led to disputes between a current resident and the builder of the lots. Mr. Brimm stated the City had no reason not to issue the building permits to the developer since they met all of the City’s requirements.

Mr. Dunakey suggested adding site plan review process as the last step of the zoning code prior to the issuance of building permits. Mr. Dunakey stated this will allow the City to require infrastructure dedications.

M. Closed Session

1. Mayor Hill informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body.

Motion:

It was moved by Khoury, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to direct the Mayor to go into Closed Session at 7:36 PM to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

Mayor Hill called the Regular Session of the City Council back to order at 8:15 PM. Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, Khoury, and Mayor Hill were present.

N. Announcements

There were no announcements.

O. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Riddle, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 02, 2022 at 8:15 PM.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:


KELLY MATHEWS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK


MAYOR BOB HILL