

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012 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 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

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 type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Edith Dean

**II. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Public Hearing of Tuesday, January 17, 2012

The minutes of the Public Hearing held before the City Council on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held before the City Council on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis                      Second: Piazza                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

B. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 17, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 17, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2012

Commissioner Edith Dean presented the January 23, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development Report

- Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2011 were presented by Director Paul Ellis
- Play Commission Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2011 were presented
- Report Packet for the Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Area Joint Review Board (JRB)

Mr. Ellis updated the Council and indicated that a meeting of the Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Area Joint Review Board will be held at City Hall on February 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

- Call for Joint Meeting with Plan Commission to review Park Master Plan Recommendations

Scheduled meeting for February 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Resolution to Authorize the Release of Mortgage Securing a Loan Agreement and Promissory Note Between Bi-County Markets, Inc., an Illinois Corporation, as Borrower, and the City of Columbia, Illinois as Lender

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 12-2011, a Resolution to authorize the release of Mortgage securing a Loan Agreement and Promissory Note between Bi-County Markets, Inc., an Illinois Corporation, as Borrower, and the City of Columbia, Illinois as Lender.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Reis		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

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- Ordinance to Declare the Rose Mausoleum in St. Paul Evangelical Cemetery in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2928, An Ordinance to Declare the Rose Mausoleum in St. Paul Evangelical Cemetery in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Mathews		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea

Agne            Yea            Huch            Yea            Reis            Yea  
Niemietz      Yea            Mathews        Yea

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7. Mr. Ellis updated the Council on City Website Improvements and Meetings with Local Property Owners to Enhance Economic Development Marketing

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

2. Ordinance Approving Purchase of Materials for Evergreen Lane, Liberty Street, Washington Street and Herman Street Water Line Replacement Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2929, An Ordinance to Authorize the Purchase of Material for the Evergreen Lane, Liberty Street, Washington Avenue and Herman Street Water Line Replacement Project from HD Supply Waterworks of Granite City, Illinois for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Piazza		Second: Huch		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

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3. Columbia Lakes - CUPS

Mr. Williams informed the Council a response from the Developer on the Cooperation Agreement has been received and can be discussed by the Council.

4. Mr. Williams informed the Council that the City is inviting bids for a two year contract for the leaf and limb removal services and the painting of the exterior for the Southeast Water Tank.

D. City Attorney

No Report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 2, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred seventy-eight thousand three hundred seventy-three dollars and twenty-six cents (\$278,373.26).

Moved by: Roessler		Second: Huch		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

2. Ordinance Adopting Guidelines and Procedures for Making a Claim for Benefits under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2930, An Ordinance Adopting Guidelines and Procedures for making a Claim for Benefits under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21st

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report for the month of January, 2012.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne                              Second: Niemietz                              Vote: Roll Call

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

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V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 9, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Mathews                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 to 0

B.      Committee of the Whole

1.      Recommend to the City Council that city staff negotiate a contract to provide funds to Immaculate Conception School for a crossing guard position until the end of the current school year.

No action was taken on this recommendation since City Administrator Hudzik informed the Council Members that additional legal research was occurring on this issue.

2.      Recommend to the City Council that an Ordinance be prepared for the City to adopt guidelines and procedures for eligible employees to make a claim for benefits under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act.

See Item IV-F-2, page 4, Ordinance No. 2930, passed and approved February 6, 2012.

3.      Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to consult with Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, on the performance/discipline of specific employee issues as discussed in Executive Session, and to ratify any prior actions taken to that extent.

MOTION:

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Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Huch                      Vote: Roll Call

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

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4.      Regular Session Minutes - January 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 23, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

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5. Executive Session Minutes - January 23, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 23, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

C. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, January 23, 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, January 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Piazza                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. CUP Response Review/Discussion; Piggot's Fort Cooperation Agreement Discussion; Ward Redistricting Discussion (St. Clair County Property); Monroe County MOU - 800 MHz System; Starcom21 User Agreement

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:10 P.M. Joint Meeting with Plan Commission to Review Park Master Plan Recommendations

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:20 P.M. Administrative Fees and Procedures for Impounding Vehicles Discussion

Refuse Collection and Recycling - 7:30 P.M. Leaf and Limb Pick-Up RFP Bid Proposals Review/Discussion

Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - 7:40 P.M. TIP Application Discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending litigation update/discussion

None called.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held February 6, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

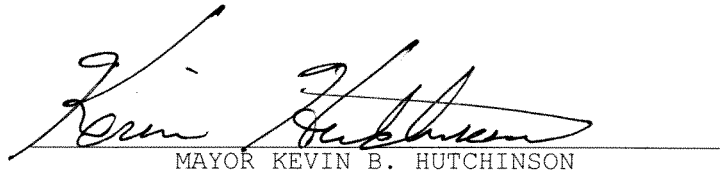
Moved by: Agne                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER      CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON