

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 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 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Present | <input 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 |

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey | |

II. DELEGATION

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of March 5, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 5, 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, March 5, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. Executive Session of March 5, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

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

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

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

D. Building Department Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Al Holden.

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2012

Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken presented the Plan Commission meeting minutes of March 12, 2012 to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

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

1. Announcing Inaugural Meeting - Dog Park Committee

Mr. Ellis announced that a committee, to be chaired by Ms. Lauren Nobbe, has been established to consider the Dog Park proposal and will have its first meeting in August.

2. Music at Metter Concert Series - Special Event

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the City of Columbia to hold their Music at Metter Concert Series at Metter Park on Sundays, June 10 and 24; July 8 and 22; and August 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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| Moved by: Niemietz | | 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

3. Movies at Metter - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the City of Columbia to hold their Movies at Metter Series on Fridays, September 14 and October 12 from dusk to approximately 9:00 pm at Metter Park and in the event of rain; to be held at the Columbia Middle School Cafetorium.

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| Moved by: Piazza | | 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

4. Festifall - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the City of Columbia to hold the Festifall annual event on Sunday, September 30 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Metter Park.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the City of Columbia to hold the Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow on Wednesday, October 31 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Fountain Park area and parking lot in front of City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

6. Lighted Christmas Parade - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the City of Columbia to hold the Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Main Street; beginning at Rueck Road to Cherry Street.

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| Moved by: Huch | | 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

7. Ordinance Adding a Section 12.32.190 (Donations and Memorials) to Chapter 12.32 (City Parks) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2940, An Ordinance Adding a Section 12.32.190 (Donations and Memorials) to Chapter 12.32 (City Parks) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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| Moved by: Niemietz | | Second: Huch | | Vote: Roll Call | |
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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Reis | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 To 0

8. Resolution Adopting the Admiral Trost Subdivision Park Master Plan and Incorporating Said Plan as an Appendix to the 20/20 Master Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 13-2011, A Resolution Adopting the Admiral Trost Subdivision Park Master Plan and Incorporating Said Plan as an Appendix to the 20/20 Master Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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| Moved by: Niemietz | | Second: Mathews | | Vote: Roll Call | |
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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Reis | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 To 0

9. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for a CDBG Disaster Recovery Program Grant

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 14-2011, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Disaster Recovery Program Grant.

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| Moved by: Reis | | Second: Roessler | | Vote: Roll Call | |
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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 To 0

10. Mr. Ellis informed the Council that the Columbia Plan Commission has been presented with an award by the American Planning Association for their efforts in senior planning assessments.

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. Request to Advertise and Receive Applications for Summer Help

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to advertise and receive applications for summer help for the City of Columbia Department of Public Works.

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| Moved by: Ebersohl | | Second: Huch | | Vote: Roll Call | |
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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. STP Application Submission for North Main Resurfacing Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to proceed with the STP Application Submission for the North Main Street Resurfacing Project.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Piazza Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

4. Ordinance Entering into Agreement with Hydro-Kinetics for Carr Creek Monitoring Equipment Upgrade and Installation of MDS Radios and Modifying of PC Database for MODBUS Communication

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2941, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement with Hydro-Kinetics Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri to perform the Carr Creek Monitoring Equipment Upgrade and Installation of MDS Radios and Modifying of PC Database for MODBUS Communication in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Piazza Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

5. Ordinance Entering into Agreement with Braun Colonial Family Funeral Home to Install and Maintain Lights within the Public Right-of-Way of Quarry Road

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2942, An Ordinance Entering into an Agreement between Braun Colonial Family Funeral Home and the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Installation and Maintenance of Lights within the Public Right-Of-Way of Quarry Road, as amended to include insurance, installation, costs and maintenance of the lights by the Braun Colonial Funeral Home.

Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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Motion Carried 8 to 0

6. Mr. Williams updated the Council on projects involving the South Main/Route 3 Intersection Improvement, concrete work taking place in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park, an Eagle Scout Project, the Temple Street Sidewalk Project, the Water Line Improvement Project along Washington, Liberty and Evergreen streets and noted that the spring limb removal service will begin on April 2nd.

H. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 15, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred three thousand, five hundred forty-seven dollars and seventy-one cents (\$203,547.71).

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through February 29, 2012 was presented to the City Council by Accounting Manager, Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,443,445.24. The balance is \$225,792.20 lower than the \$5,669,237.44 balance of January 31, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of February 29, 2012, the State of Illinois is four months (October, November, January and February) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$280,659.60 due to the City of Columbia. (During the month of February, the City did not receive any distributions of income taxes.)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through February 29, 2012 as presented.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of Surplus Personal Property of the City of Columbia, Illinois by Public Auction

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2943, An Ordinance to Authorize the Sale of Surplus Personal Property of the City of Columbia, Illinois by Public Auction.

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| Moved by: Reis | | Second: Agne | | Vote: Roll Call | |
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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

K. Mayor's Report

1. Approval of the Formation of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the formation of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Appointment of Council Members to the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Council Members Aldermen Ebersohl and Mathews and Mayor Hutchinson to the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Abstain | | |

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 2 Abstentions

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: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council (i) the employment of Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, on the issues discussed in Executive Session, and (ii) ratification of any actions that may have been taken by Mr. Weisman in representing the city in this matter.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve (i) the employment of Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, on the issues discussed in Executive Session, and (ii) ratification of any actions that may have been taken by Mr. Weisman in representing the city in this matter.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to prepare and present the necessary documentation to allow the sale of the city's surplus property by public auction.

Ordinance 2943 passed and approved March 19, 2012; See Item IV-J-2, pages 6 and 7 of these minutes.

3. Regular Session Minutes - March 12, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 12, 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, March 12, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

4. Executive Session Minutes - March 12, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 12, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 12, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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| 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 - MARCH 26, 2012

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. ICS Crossing Guard Discussion; Municipal Building Cleaning RFP bid review; Financial Information Presentation and Budget Update.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

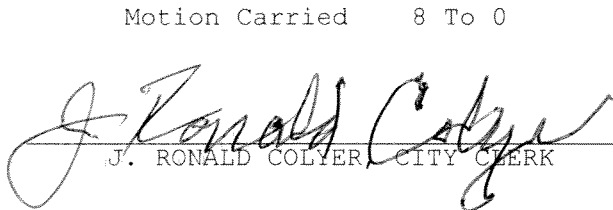
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:42 P.M.

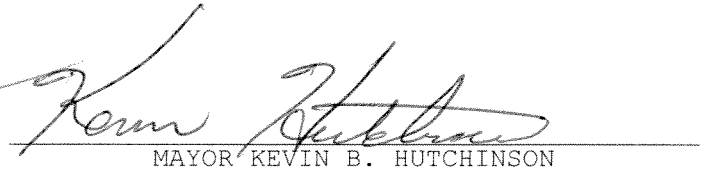
Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON