

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 2, 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:

<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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 of 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 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"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Karin Callis
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	

II. DELEGATIONS

- A. Columbia EMS Department Lieutenant Darin Hartman and Kyle Smith, representing the Columbia, IL Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Council regarding various issues related to the Columbia EMS Department.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

- A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, June 18, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 18, 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 18, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis                                      Second: Roessler                                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

- A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2012

Plan Commissioner Karin Callis presented the Monday, June 25, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

- B. Community & Economic Development

Community & Economic Development Coordinator Paul Ellis reported on the following:

1. Play Commission Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2012
2. Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - May 29, 2012
3. Who Dat's Street Shrimp Boil - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for Who Dat's Street Shrimp Boil to be held on Saturday, July 7th from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on part of West Cedar Street for seating and band.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Columbia Daze Festival & Parade - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Columbia Daze Festival to be held on Friday and Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight at the Turner Hall parking lot and Metter Park and the Columbia Daze Parade to be held on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. on Main Street from Temple Street to Cherry Street.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. First Memorial Donation - Bench at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park per Ordinance 2940

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the first memorial donation in the amount of \$775.00 for a park bench at the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park with a plaque that reads "In Loving Memory of Hunter Joseph Yearian".

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. During his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on several items and projects including the Cherry Street project, the Quarry/Ghent/Old Route 3 Intersection improvements, the Temple Street Sidewalk project,

the Washington and Liberty Streets waterline, and the proposed Radar Speed Display Signs.

2. An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ Gleeson Asphalt, Inc. of Belleville, Illinois to Perform the Admiral Trost Bridge Overlay in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2961, An Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Gleeson Asphalt, Inc. of Belleville, Illinois to perform the Admiral Trost Bridge overlay in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Approval to Purchase Replacement Water Meters

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of 150 Sensus iPERL water meters from HD Supply for a total cost of approximately \$17,700.00 for the water meter replacement program.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

D. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long had no report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through June 28, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred one thousand nine hundred twenty-three dollars and sixteen cents (\$201,923.16).

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through May 31, 2012 was presented to the City Council. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,152,740.69. The balance is \$159,060.20 lower than the \$5,311,800.89 balance of April 30, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of May 31, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (March, April and May) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$260,076.60 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through May 31, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

F. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the City Council for the month of June, 2012.

2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display, Events and Activities Cancellation - Special Event Permit Application Action(s)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to rescind the Special Event Permit for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display, Events and Activities due to the extreme high temperatures and dry conditions.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

3. Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant

Mayor Hutchinson announced that the City has received a \$240,000 grant from the State of Illinois' Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program for the purchase and development of 17 acres of property the City currently leases from the Columbia American Legion, which includes the athletic fields.

G. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

Mr. Hudzik updated the Council on the latest information regarding the Municipal Electricity Aggregation.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

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

Motion Carried     7 To 0

**V.     OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**VI.    NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A.     Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1.     Regular Session Minutes - Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Wednesday, June 6, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Wednesday, June 6, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried     4 to 0 with 3 Abstentions

2.     Executive Session Minutes - Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Wednesday, June 6, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Wednesday, June 6, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried     4 to 0 with 3 Abstentions

B.     Committee of the Whole

1.     Regular Session Minutes - June 11, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole 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 Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second:    Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 to 0

2.      Executive Session Minutes - June 11, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole 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 Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, June 11, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second:    Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 to 0

3.      Regular Session Minutes - June 25, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, June 25, 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, June 25, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second:    Reis                              Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

C.      Personnel

1.      Regular Session Minutes - June 25, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 25, 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 25, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

2. Executive Session Minutes - June 25, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 25, 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 25, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JULY 9, 2012**

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:00 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD)

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:10 EMS Department Operations discussion/other items to be considered or discussed

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 P.M. (1) STS Custom Homes, Inc. Settlement Agreement/Promissory Note review/discussion (2) Executive Session: Pending Litigation update/discussion

Personnel - 7:30 P.M. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:53 P.M. for the purpose of review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:28 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Piazza, Reis and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

**X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

- B. COLUMBIA EMS DEPARTMENT - LIEUTENANT DARIN HARTMAN

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Columbia EMS Department Lieutenant Darin Hartman be disciplined for his on-duty behavior as discussed in Executive Session as follows: Lieutenant Darin Hartman is to be (i) demoted from the rank of Lieutenant to regular full-time Paramedic status with a commensurate reduction in pay due to said demotion; and (ii) suspended without pay for three (3) working days; and (iii) ordered to attend appropriate training to address proper work environment behavior.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

- C. COLUMBIA EMS DEPARTMENT - CAPTAIN JASON SITZES

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Columbia EMS Department Captain Jason Sitzes be disciplined for work related issues as discussed in Executive Session as follows: Captain Jason Sitzes is to be (i) demoted from the rank of Captain to regular full-time Paramedic status with a commensurate reduction in pay due to said demotion; and (ii) suspended without pay for thirty (30) calendar days; and (iii) ordered to attend appropriate training to address proper work environment behavior.

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

\*Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis voted yea on the motion but, for the record, indicated that they would have preferred termination.

Motion Carried 7 To 0



XI. ADJOURNMENT

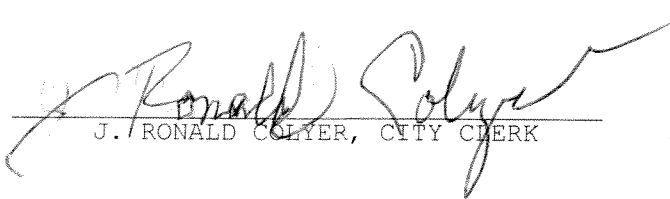
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 2, 2012 at 9:30 P.M.

Moved by: Reis                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON