

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY,  
MAY 29, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Piazza and Reis and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Alderman Mathews.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams (left at 8:05 p.m.), Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: Jim Vogt, an engineer with Heneghan & Associates, and John King and Jim Lewis, representing the First National Bank of St. Louis (Note: all guests were in attendance on behalf of CUP developer David Levinson and all left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.).

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) the Columbia Lakes Area Community Unit Plan (North and South) Cooperation Agreement(s); (2) Debit/Credit Card Payments for City Receivables; (3) the State's Video Gaming Act; and (4) any other items to be considered.

**II. COLUMBIA LAKES AREA COMMUNITY UNIT PLAN ("CUP") (NORTH AND SOUTH) COOPERATION AGREEMENT(S) REVIEW/DISCUSSION**

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon City Engineer Ron Williams to address the Committee Members on this issue. Ron reviewed the three (3) page document (distributed to the Committee Members prior to this meeting) containing the city's comments on the CUPs as discussed at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting, as well as the responses to the city's comments (received by Ron) from the developer and his representatives – each of the comments/responses was reviewed one by one. During Ron's review, all in attendance, including the guests, were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions, including (i) the city's requirement that 30% of the front eave line of each unit have a roof peak remain as a requirement; (ii) the similar architectural styles applies to the townhouses, not the

apartments – a discussion on groupings for the similar architectural styles was held, including the proper time to submit the groupings (preliminary vs. final phasing) to the city; (iii) the Performance Bond/Letter of Credit language will need to be reviewed and approved to make sure the building of amenities, as proposed by the developer in the CUP responses and interpreted by the Committee Members at this meeting, occurs; (iv) additional research is needed on the Occupancy Permit fees proposed in the developer's response; (v) any building code rules and regulations in effect, and as may be adopted by the city, are to be followed by the developer; and (vi) future fees charged for the CUP development (by the city) would be the same as those charged (by the city) to others building apartments and townhouses in the city. Williams is to continue his efforts in order to present a final draft of the CUPs Cooperation Agreement(s) to the Committee Members for their review.

### **III. DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS DISCUSSION**

Accounting Manager Linda Sharp reviewed her Memo and its attached Credit Card Analysis matrix (which documents had previously been distributed to the Committee Members) – she indicated that several city employees, including department heads, met on May 24<sup>th</sup> to review the information submitted by the various debit/credit card vendors, and the recommendation reached at that meeting was that a one (1) year agreement be entered into with Gov Pay Net to provide debit/credit card services to the city. Linda also informed the Committee Members that she contacted two (2) governmental agencies currently using Gov Pay Net (one for approximately four (4) years) and both indicated they are pleased with the service provided by Gov Pay Net. It was the consensus of the Committee Members that Linda present the necessary documentation to the council to enter into a one (1) year agreement to use the debit/credit card payment services provided by Gov Pay Net.

### **IV. VIDEO GAMING ACT DISCUSSION**

City Administrator Al Hudzik reviewed various provisions of the Illinois Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/), which has an effective date of July 13, 2009, but which has yet to be implemented since the Illinois Gaming Board just recently prescribed the rules, regulations and conditions under which video gaming in the State is to be conducted. Hudzik indicated video gaming terminal licenses must be issued by the Illinois Gaming Board to qualifying and licensed establishments, which can include: (i) a “Licensed establishment”, which is any licensed retail establishment where alcoholic liquor is draw, poured, mixed, or otherwise served for consumption on the premises; (ii) a “Licensed fraternal establishment”; (iii) a “Licensed veterans establishment”; and (iv) a “Licensed truck stop establishment”. The issuance of licenses and oversight of the provisions of the Illinois Gaming Act is the responsibility of the Illinois Gaming Board and there is a 30% tax imposed by the state on net terminal income (5/6s going to the State of Illinois for deposit into its Capital Projects Fund and 1/6<sup>th</sup> going into the Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund for further distribution to governmental entities with video gaming terminals within their jurisdictions). Hudzik reviewed many of the provisions of the Video Gaming Act and indicated the city, by law, can assess a fee for the operation of video gaming terminals (within its jurisdiction) of \$25.00/year – he also reviewed a

“Draft” Ordinance (previously distributed to the Committee Members) allowing for the assessment of said \$25.00/year video gaming terminal operating fee and designating any fees received by the city pursuant to the operation of video gaming terminals to be used for the benefit of the city’s Parks and Recreation Department. During Hudzik’s review, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions – clarification was given to many of the comments made and questions asked – it was the general consensus that the “Draft” Ordinance be presented to the city council for its consideration at the next council meeting.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Roessler to recommend to the City Council that city staff present the necessary documentation to allow for a \$25.00 annual fee for the operation of each video gaming terminal located in the city, pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Video Gaming Act, to the council for its consideration. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Piazza and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**V. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

City Administrator Hudzik updated the Committee Members on the city’s municipal electricity aggregation program and indicated excel worksheets had been created to allow residents to input their own data to analyze their (last year’s) electricity supply billings average cost/kWh to that being offered by Homefield Energy (i.e., \$.0408/kWh for the next two (2) years). He reviewed each of the worksheets created (one simple and the other more complex (requiring more detailed information to be input)), as well as the utility billing (pdf) document showing the location of the kilowatt hour usage and amount paid for the electricity supply for residents to use when entering their own data. He also indicated that space heating accounts (those with all electric service) receive a discounted rate (from AmerenIllinois) during the eight (8) non-summer months’ billing periods (October – May) for kilowatt hour usage in excess of 800 monthly; therefore additional analysis may be necessary for those residents. Hudzik also distributed documents listing the city’s space heating residents, as well as information from the Plug In Illinois (Power of Choice) website listing the AmerenIllinois electricity rates in effect from June 2012 to May 2013 (which showed a reduction in the discounted rate offered to space heating customers for electricity usage above 800 kWh monthly). Hudzik indicated that meetings have been held with all city hall staff so the necessary information can be distributed to residents allowing them to analyze their electricity supply billings – he indicated that he would keep the Committee Members informed on the progress being made to implement the city’s electricity aggregation program.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 9:15 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl

and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Piazza and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



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GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL  
ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gene Ebersohl called the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 9:20 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler.

Absent: Alderman Mathews.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Huch, Piazza and Reis.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) Rotary Club Street Signs; (2) Novachip (street resurfacing) Applications; and (3) any other items to be considered.

**II. ROTARY CLUB STREET SIGNS DISCUSSION**

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon City Engineer Ron Williams to address the Committee/Council Members on this issue. Williams reviewed documentation he received from Columbia Rotary Club President-Elect, Adam Linnemann, requesting permission to have two (2) identical Community Roadside Safety Signs ( 24" X 36"), each containing the Rotary International Logo and text reading "Drive Carefully – Protect Our Children", mounted and installed on Main Street at the north and south ends of town – the proposal was for the Rotary Club to purchase the signs and donate them to the city – city personnel would then mount and install the signs. A discussion on the Rotary Club's request was held in which all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recommend to the City Council that the two (2) Community Roadside Safety Signs to be donated to the city by the Columbia Rotary Club be (i) accepted; and (ii) mounted and installed by city personnel at the north and south ends of the city on Main Street. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** A straw poll was taken: Aldermen Huch, Piazza and Reis voted yea. Alderman Agne voted nay.

**III. NOVACHIP (STREET RESURFACING) APPLICATIONS DISCUSSION**

City Engineer Williams reviewed the MFT Worksheets distributed containing detailed data (i.e., street name (including “from” and “to” resurfacing locations), as well as approximate length, width, square yardage, gallons of oil and tons of rock information) for each of the streets he was proposing for novachip resealing (by contract), as well as oil and chip resealing, during this fiscal year. During Ron’s review, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions. The general consensus was that the resurfacing proposals presented by City Engineer Williams be approved.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recommend to the City Council approval of the street resurfacing proposals (using both novachip and oil and chip applications) as reviewed and presented to the Committee Members by City Engineer Ron Williams. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

A discussion was then held (by all in attendance) on the condition of various streets throughout the city.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 9:42 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant