

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 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 were:

Ebersohl	Present	Agne	Present
Niemietz	Present	Roessler	Absent
Huch	Present	Reis	Present
Holtkamp	Present	Martens	Present

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer	Chief of Police and Director of EMS Jerry Paul
City Engineer Chris Smith	Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon
Dir. of Community Dev. Emily Fultz	EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

- A. Andrea Yochum – Historic Main Street Columbia Association
Ms. Yochum provided an update on the Historic Main Street Columbia Association and highlighted past and present events.
- B. Edie Koch – Monroe County Economic Development Corporation
Ms. Koch's presentation was deferred to a future City Council meeting.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting
The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 as on file at City Hall.
Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Community Development

The report of the Community Development Department was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3368 – Amend Walnut Ridge Developers, Inc. Annexation Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3368, An Ordinance Amending an Annexation Agreement Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Walnut Ridge Developers, Inc. for a Tract of Real Estate Comprising Approximately Seven (7) Acres. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Ordinance No. 3369 – Sign Variance for Broadway Restaurant Group (Burger King)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3369, An Ordinance Granting a Sign Variance to Broadway Restaurant Group for the Property Having the Assigned Parcel Identification Number of 04-17-481-026-000 with the Common Address of 360 Columbia Centre Located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Exceed the Total Allotment of Sign Area Permitted in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

Alderman Martens inquired if anyone from the property owners was present and then expressed concern about the square footage of signage, especially if additional signage would be added to the large tenant pylon sign for the entire development. Mayor Hutchinson stated no representative of the applicant was present and added that he has already been contacted about the addition of Burger King signage to the existing pylon sign. Alderman Agne stated he would be voting no because the requested signage does not conform to presenting an attractive commercial area.

Motion Failed 4 to 3.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Nay	Agne	Nay	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Nay	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Nay		

3. Ordinance No. 3370 - Sign Variance for Broadway Restaurant Group (Burger King)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3370, An Ordinance Granting a Sign Variance to Broadway Restaurant Group for the Property Having the Assigned Parcel Identification Number of 04-17-481-026-000 with the Common Address of 360 Columbia Centre Located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Exceed the Total Number of Signs Permitted to be Displayed in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

Alderman Niemietz stated she is concerned that Council members are voting on hearsay. Mayor Hutchinson stated he has made it known he is against any additional Burger King signage on the existing Market Place sign. Alderman Martens stated this is why it is important for the applicant to be present when final decisions are being made.

Motion Passed 6 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Nay	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

4. Ordinance No. 3371 - Sign Variance for Broadway Restaurant Group (Burger King)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3371, An Ordinance Granting a Sign Variance to Broadway Restaurant Group for the Property Having the Assigned Parcel Identification Number of 04-17-481-026-000 with the Common Address of 360 Columbia Centre Located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Exceed the Total Number of Free Standing Signs Permitted to be Displayed on One Lot in a Commercially Zoned District in the City. Motion Passed 6 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Nay	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

5. Ordinance No. 3372 - Sign Variance for Broadway Restaurant Group (Burger King)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3372, An Ordinance Granting Two (2) Sign Variances to Broadway Restaurant Group for the Property Having the Assigned Parcel Identification Number of 04-17-481-026-000 with the Common Address of 360 Columbia Centre Located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Permit the Display of Two (2) Free Standing Signs within One Hundred (100) Feet of Another Free Standing Sign in a Commercially Zoned District in the City. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

6. Special Event – Century 21 Easter Egg Hunt

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Century 21 Easter Egg Hunt as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

7. Special Event – Movies At Metter

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Movies At Metter as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

8. Special Event – Music At Metter Concert Series

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Music At Metter Concert Series as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

9. Special Event – Festifall

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Festifall as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

10. Special Event – Halloween Hi-Jinks

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Halloween Hi-Jinks as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

11. Special Event – Bright Night Christmas Parade

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Bright Night Christmas Parade as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

12. Special Event – Visit With Santa

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Visit With Santa as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

13. Proposal for Solar Owner’s Representative Services at the Closed Municipal Landfill

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with TRC Environmental Corporation for Solar Owner’s Representative Services regarding a solar photo voltaic development at the closed Municipal Landfill at a cost not to exceed \$9,100.00. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

B. City Engineer

The report of the City Engineer was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3373 – Requiring Annexation for Access to City’s Water and Sewer Services

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3373, An Ordinance Adding Chapter 13.02 to the City of Columbia Municipal Code Requiring Annexation as a Condition for Access to the City’s Public Water and Sewer Services. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

C. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 1, 2018 in the amount of two hundred fifty-one thousand, four hundred one dollars, and eighty-one cents (\$251,401.81). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Statement of Funds through December 31, 2017 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

D. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

E. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

F. City Administrator

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council.

G. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

1. Mayor Pro Tem

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as Mayor Pro Tem from February 17, 2018 until March 7, 2018. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Abstain	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings - February 12, 2018

Committee of the Whole

IX. Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be addressed in Executive Session. There was none.

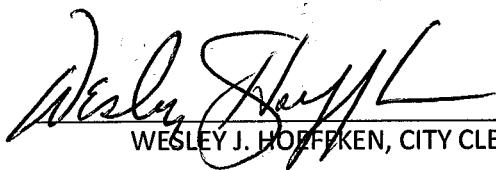
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:48 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Absent	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		



 WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK



 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON