

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 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 were:

Ebersohl	Present	Agne	Present
Niemietz	Present	Roessler	Present
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 Terry Bruckert	Chief of Police Jerry Paul
Head Librarian Annette Bland	City Engineer Chris Smith
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon
Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey	EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

**II. Delegation/Public Comments**

- A. Andrea Yochum – Historic Columbia Main Street Association  
Andrea Yochum provided an update and slides on the Historic Columbia Main Street Association. Mrs. Yochum also provided a list of upcoming events.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

- A. Regular Meeting  
The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 4, 2018 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

A. Library

The report of the Library was presented to the Council.

B. Police and Communications

The reports of the Police and Communications Departments were presented to the Council.

1. Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois Equitable Sharing Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois Equitable Sharing Agreement regarding asset forfeiture proceeds. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

C. Emergency Medical Services

The report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented to the Council.

D. Community Development

The report of Community Development was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3426 – Special Use Permit for 1931 Westgate Drive

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3426, an Ordinance to Grant a Special Use Permit for Real Estate Having the Assigned Address of 1931 Westgate Drive in the City of Columbia, Illinois for JIH Trucking, LLC, to Allow Trailer Storage in a BP-2 (Business Park 2) Zoned District in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Failed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3427 – Building Permit Site Plan Requirements

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Ordinance No. 3427, an Ordinance Amending Section 15.04 “Building Permits” of the City of Columbia Municipal Code to Incorporate Building Permit Site Plan Requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Special Event – Veterans Honor-Que BBQ and Parade

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Veterans Honor-Que BBQ and Parade as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

E. City Engineer/Public Works

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

1. Resolution No. 2018-15 – OSLAD Grant for Creekside Park Development Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 2018-15, a Resolution of Authorization for an OSLAD Grant Program for the Creekside Park Development Project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

F. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 13, 2018 in the amount of three hundred fourteen thousand, eighty-seven dollars and seventy-three cents (\$314,087.73). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Travel Expense Reimbursement Requests for Elected Officials

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Travel Expense Reimbursement Requests for Elected Officials (Mayor Hutchinson for the ITIA and IML Conference and Aldermen Agne, Huch, and Reis for the IML Conference) as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

G. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

H. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

I. City Administrator

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

1. Motion to Authorize Filing of Complaint Against Crown Castle

Mr. Morani informed the Council that action on this item would be deferred until after Executive Session.

J. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VI. New Business

A. High School Athletic Track

Chief Paul informed the Council the Columbia High School has requested an exemption for noise during construction improvements to the athletic track between 5:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. from October 1 through October 5, 2018.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to exempt the Columbia High School from Chapter 9.24 of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia for noise during improvements to the athletic track commencing October 1, 2018 and ending October 5, 2018 from the hours of 5:00 P.M. through 1:00 A.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

**B. Electronic Message Sign/Waive Bidding Requirements**

Mr. Bruckert informed the Council that since the proposed sign for the school house is a design/build project and can be considered a hybrid sign, they can elect to bid out the project or wave the bidding requirement. Alderman Holtkamp suggested the Council advertise for bids. Alderman Roessler agreed given the estimated cost for the sign. Alderman Holtkamp recommended an RFP be created for the sign requirements. Alderman Agne stated the top four feet of the sign is redundant as everyone knows they are in the City of Columbia. Alderman Agne also inquired about the message sequence. Mr. Dunakey stated the Federal Department of Transportation recommends an eight-second sequence but City code sets the sequence at 30 seconds.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was a motion to waive the bid process. There was none. It was agreed to proceed with the bidding process for the sign.

**VII. Report of Standing Committees**

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings - September 24, 2018**

Committee of the Whole

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

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and probable or imminent litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and (11).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:49 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining and probable or imminent litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/1(c)(2) and (11). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:55 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, Martens, and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

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

1. Motion to Authorize Complaint Against Crown Castle

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize legal counsel to file suit and take such other appropriate steps against all appropriate parties to remove them from the Tower 2 site (unless a lease is agreed to) for breach and refusal to obtain a lease and to address damages, violations, and unlawful occupancy, and to protect the City's rights against the same or other appropriate parties regarding the Tower 1 site. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

X. Adjournment

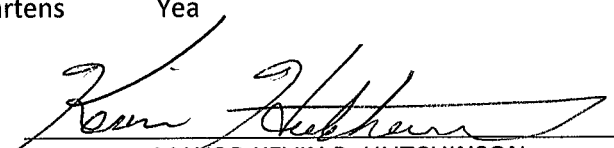
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:56 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON