

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009 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 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Unnerstall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Alderman Stumpf arrived at 7:13 PM.

Alderman Unnerstall arrived at 9:02 PM during the Executive Session.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<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

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 2, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 2, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row    Second: Agne    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried    6 To 0

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Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried    6 To 0

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Columbia Ice Eagles Hockey Team

Mayor Hutchinson recognized the Columbia Ice Eagles Hockey Team and their accomplishments.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Library Board

The monthly report of the Library Board was presented to the Council.

B. Police Department

The report of the Police Department was presented to the Council.

C. EMS Department

The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Service was presented to the Council.

D. Fire Department

The monthly report of the Fire Department was presented to the Council.

E. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the Council.

F. Community and Economic Development

The report of the Community and Economic Development was presented to the Council.

G. City Engineer

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

1. Huebner Property Issues

Mr. Williams informed the Council he needs to complete some research regarding the earth work for the Rueck Road project and how that might impact the Huebner property issue. Mr. Otto Faulbaum, attorney for Mr. Huebner, stated his client is comfortable with Mr. Williams continuing his research and reporting back to the Council.

2. Nu-Way Lighting - Lighting Upgrades

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and approve the payment of the 50% of the total project cost for a down payment of \$6,660.04 and the balance due of \$6,660.03 being paid in full with a net 30-day term once the material is received for both the Police Department and Fire Department lighting upgrade projects.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Hejna    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried    7 To 0

3. DOPW PC and PDAs

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and authorize the purchase of a new PC (Personal Computer) for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$1,200.00 with the funds being expended from the Streets and Parks Equipment budgets and

authorize the purchase of two PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants) for the Department of Public Works at an approximate cost of \$1,800.00 with the funds being expended from the Streets and Parks Equipment budgets and the remaining funds expended from the capital items in the various DOPW budget items.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Niemietz    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried    7 To 0

4. Valmeyer Road Improvements at the Hesterberg Property

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and approve the extension of the existing drain pipes at the southwest corner of Valmeyer Road and DD Road to the pipe flowing under Valmeyer Road and place an area inlet connecting all of the piping, with Mr. Hesterberg paying for the materials and the City of Columbia DOPW performing the work, contingent upon the City receiving a signed agreement from Mr. Hesterberg.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Row    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried    7 To 0

5. East/West Gateway Application Fee

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and authorize the expenditure of \$2,000.00 for each of the two (2) applications to the East West Gateway Coordinating Council for the distribution of the stimulus funds and the TIP funds.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Row    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried    7 To 0

H. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

I. City Attorney

Mr. Adams informed the Council he had no items that needed to be addressed by the Council.

J. Administration Department

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

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Voice

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

**V.      CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS**

**A.      Vouchers**

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 13, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred ninety-five thousand, two hundred nineteen dollars, and fifteen cents (\$295,219.15).

Moved by: Hejna      Second: Oberkfell      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

**B.      Statement of Funds**

The Statement of Funds report was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of the Statement of Funds Report as presented.

Moved by: Hejna      Second: Oberkfell      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

**VI.      OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

**VII.      NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

**VIII.      REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

There were no Standing Committee reports.

**IX.      CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Monday, March 23, 2009

- 7:00 PM - Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning
- 7:10 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest
- 7:20 PM - Personnel
- 7:30 PM - Committee Of The Whole

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and for the purpose of discussing a collective negotiating matter between the City and its employees, or to discuss salary schedules for one or more City employees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:59 PM to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and for the purpose of discussing a collective negotiating matter between the City and its employees, or to discuss salary schedules for one or more City employees.

Moved by: Row      Second: Niemiets      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Absent	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemiets	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 11:17 PM.

Moved by: Oberkfell      Second: Row      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemiets	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemiets, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf 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.

A. Employment of Gallop, Johnson, and Neuman

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to employ Gallop, Johnson, and Neuman to review the FOIA request regarding the release of personnel records for a former employee.

Moved by: Row      Second: Niemiets      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Abstain	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemiets	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Alderman Unnerstall abstained because he was not present for that part of the Executive Session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

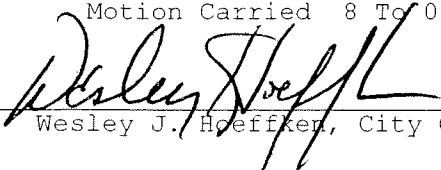
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 16, 2009 at 11:19 PM.

Moved by: Agne Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

  
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Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson