

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009 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 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

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police 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"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Alderman Ebersohl abstained because he was not present for the entire Public Hearing.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to table approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 2009, until all members of the Council have the opportunity to read the corrections requested by Alderman Hejna.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

III. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Columbia Main Street Façade Application

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Civic Progress Committee and approve the Columbia Main Street Façade Application submitted by Randall Eckert for improvements to property located at 123 South Main Street.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. City Engineer

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

C. Plan Commission

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

D. Administration Department

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

1. Block Party - 811 - 815 Sunny Hill Drive

Mr. Hudzik informed the Council the previously approved request to hold a block party at 811 - 815 Sunny Hill Drive has been postponed until May 9, 2009.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request received from Mr. Robert Tochterman to hold a block party at 811 - 815 Sunny Hill Drive on May 9, 2009, contingent upon coordination with the Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the City Clerk's Office.

Moved by: Row Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through April 30, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-eight thousand, eight hundred thirty-two dollars, and twenty-eight cents (\$258,832.28).

Moved by: Hejna Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

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

A. Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee

Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

There was no action taken as these minutes were approved at the April 20, 2009 Council meeting.

B. Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee

Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, April 27, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, April 27, 2009 as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Alderman Unnerstall abstained as he was not present for the meeting.

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Personnel Committee

Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of April 27, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

Passage of these minutes was tabled since the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2009, had not yet been distributed to the Council Members for their review.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, May 11, 2009
7:00 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest
7:10 PM - Personnel

Monday, June 8, 2009
7:00 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of legal counsel for a personnel issue, for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the FOP bargaining unit, and for the purpose of discussing salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of discussing the employment of legal counsel for a personnel issue, and for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the FOP bargaining unit.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:26 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, 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 Labor Attorney

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to employ Mark Weisman to provide labor counsel for the calculation of overtime compensation and compensatory time and the definition of "reasonable accommodations" for the Police Department personnel situation discussed in Executive Session and to report the findings back to the Council.

Moved by: Row Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 1

X. ADJOURNMENT

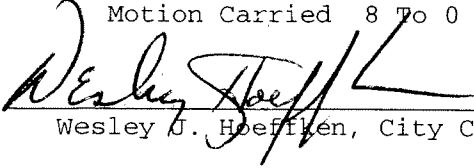
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 4, 2009 at 9:27 PM.

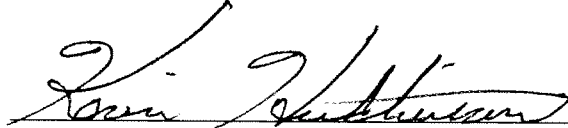
Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



Wesley J. Hoeffgen, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson