

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 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:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch.  
Absent: Aldermen Conrad and Koesterer.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, City Engineer Ron Williams, Building Inspector Al Holden, and Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007, as on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ratify Ordinance No. 2550 - Fee Ordinance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to ratify Ordinance No. 2550, An Ordinance to amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to enact the fees and charges to be assessed for City Services and Business Licenses in the City for the City's Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2007 and until said Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again amended by Ordinance of the City enacted to change said fees and charges. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Ordinance No. 2553 - Zoning Map

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Row, to pass Ordinance No. 2553, an ordinance authorizing the publishing of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Ordinance No. 2554 - TIF Revenue Bonds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2554, an ordinance providing for the issuance of Tax Increment Financing District Revenue Bonds (2005 Extension, Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Project Area) of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount of one million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the purpose of funding a portion of that certain 2005 Extension of the Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Plan and Project of the City; prescribing the form and incidents of said bonds; providing for the payment of said bonds, both as to principal and interest from certain Incremental Property Tax Revenues, if any, attributable to the 2005 Extension of the Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Project Area over and above certain base level property tax revenues allocable to said project area; further providing for the creation of a Special Tax Allocation Fund of the City and for segregation and distribution of said funds; and providing for the receipt and disbursement of Tax Increment Allocation Funds. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall voted nay. Motion Carried.

D. Resolution No. 01-2007 - Sell TIF Revenue Bonds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Resolution No. 01-2007, a resolution accepting a proposal for the purchase of TIF Increment Financing District Bonds of the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall voted nay. Motion Carried.

E. Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee & Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities

Minutes of the joint meeting of the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee and Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee held Monday, April 16, 2007 were presented to the Council for approval.

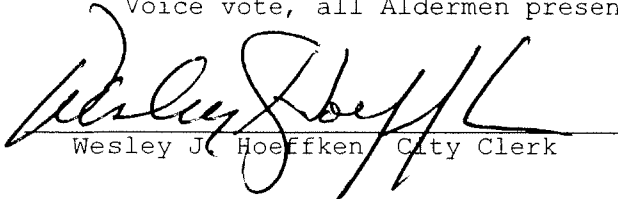
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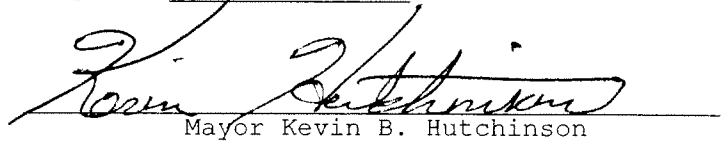
It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee and the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee held Monday, April 16, 2007 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn Sine Die the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 07, 2007 at 7:10 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

  
Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

  
Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson

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I. SWEARING IN OF NEW ALDERMEN

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken administered the Oath of Office to Aldermen Elect Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:15 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, City Attorney Tom Adams, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Building Inspector Al Holden, City Engineer Ron Williams, Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer, Fire Chief Mike Roediger. Mr. Mark Weisman, Labor Attorney for the City was also present.

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Kiwanis Labor Day Car Show

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the request of the Columbia Kiwanis to hold their annual Labor Day Weekend Car Show. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the request of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee to hold their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and to authorize the purchase of fireworks for the event for the amount budgeted. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Coast Guard Auxiliary Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to approve the request of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and issue a proclamation recognizing the week of May 19, 2007 through May 25, 2007 as the "Official Week of Boat Smart". Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A Fire Department

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the appointment of Robbie Starr as a member of the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department effective May 1, 2007. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to accept the report of the Fire Marshall as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. City Engineer

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

1. Ordinance No. 2555 - Heneghan Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to pass Ordinance No. 2555, an ordinance employing Heneghan and Associates, P.C. of Columbia, Illinois to render professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Milton Street Improvement Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2556 - TWM Contract

During discussion, the Council directed Anthony Traxler and Ron Williams to set up a separate charge number so that Ron Williams and other City employees' time on this project can be charged against the escrow amount and not be taxpayer funded.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2556, an ordinance employing Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to render professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Valmeyer Road Sidewalk Improvement Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2557 - Ehret Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to pass Ordinance No. 2557, an ordinance authorizing an agreement to employ Ehret, Inc. of Belleville, Illinois to construct approximately 7500 feet of 16" waterline for the Cahokia Waterline. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Work Order - Heneghan & Associates

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to authorize a Work Order with Heneghan & Associates to amend the Old Town Agreement to prepare detention storage easements. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

5. Work Order - Heneghan & Associates

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to authorize a Work Order with Heneghan & Associates to amend the Breidecker Street Connection Agreement to prepare temporary construction easements. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

6. Work Order - Heneghan & Associates

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize a Work Order with Heneghan & Associates to amend the Breidecker Street Connection Agreement to negotiate and obtain temporary construction easements. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the City Engineer as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Community and Economic Development

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the report of the Director of Community and Economic Development as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Building and Zoning

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

1. Maverick Technologies Temporary Modular Office Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to grant a Temporary Modular Office Request for Maverick Technologies for the location of temporary offices at 504 DD Road as requested and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the Building and Zoning Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. Plan Commission

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the report of the Plan Commission as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

F. City Attorney

1. Ordinance to Purchase Supplies and Make Expenditures

It was agreed by the Council to defer action on this ordinance until additional review of the conditions of the ordinance is completed, specifically addressing the limits for purchases and expenditures.

2. HTC Construction Consent Order

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to authorize a Construction Consent Form from Harrisonville Telephone Company for the Alternative For Seniors Subdivision. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

G. Administration Department

1. Employment of EMT-P

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the Assistant EMS Director Ken Buss and employ Gary Hutchinson and Derek Owen as part-time EMT-P's. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Columbia Library Car Show

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the request of the Columbia Library to hold their annual car show and approve the closing of Metter Street in front of the Library as requested and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Administration Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. City Clerk

Mr. Hoeffken presented his report to the Council.

1. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing February 26, 2007 and ending March 25, 2007 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing February 26, 2007 and ending March 25, 2007, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Release of Executive Session Minutes

It was agreed by the Council to defer the release of the Executive Session Minutes until the Council can review the minutes.

- I. Mayor  
Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 3, 2007; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred sixty-nine dollars, and five cents (\$328,969.05). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 2558 - Appointment of Boards and Commissions

Alderman Unnerstall expressed concern about not appointing an Alderman to the Library Board and about not reappointing Ms. Matthews and Ms. Fletcher as members of the Library Board. Mayor Hutchinson stated that the Library Board is the only Board who has an elected official as a member and who does not send a representative to Council meetings for monthly updates. Mayor Hutchinson then stated that he is only trying to align the membership of the Library Board with the same structure as the other City boards. Mayor Hutchinson then stated that he would not discuss his decision to not reappoint Ms. Mathews and Ms. Fletcher in open meeting and would prepare information for the next Council meeting.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2558, an ordinance providing for the appointment of members of certain Boards and Commissions of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008. Upon Roll Call vote, all Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted nay. Motion Failed.

B. RFQ For Professional Accounting and Auditing Services

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, May 14, 2007

7:00 PM - Executive and Rules

7:05 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation

7:10 PM - Refuse Collection, Disposal Grounds, and Recycle

7:15 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.



MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:29 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 11:29 PM. Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

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. Personnel

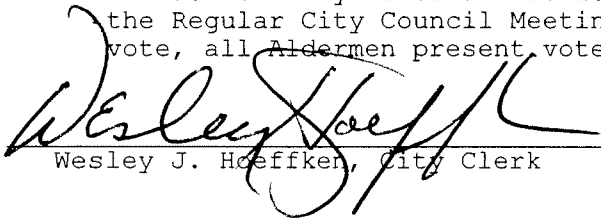
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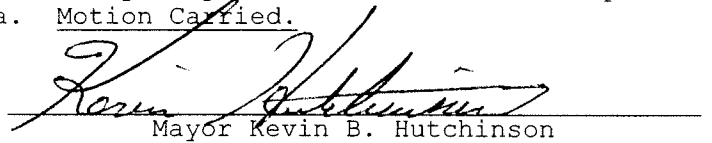
It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize Mr. Traxler and Mr. Weisman to proceed with the preparation of a severance package as discussed in Executive Session. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 7, 2007 at 11:30 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

  
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Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson