

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Ebersohl 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, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf.

Absent: Mayor Hutchinson.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, City Attorney Tom Adams, Building Inspector Al Holden, City Treasurer Bob Naumann, City Engineer Ron Williams, and Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer.

A. Mayor Pro Tem

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as Mayor Pro Tem for the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 4, 2007. Upon Roll call vote, Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Alderman Ebersohl abstained. Motion Carried.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 21, 2007 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 21, 2007, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 21, 2007 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 21, 2007, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. City Engineer

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

1. Improvement Plat Approval - The Legends Subdivision

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and Oates and Associates, consulting engineers and approve the Improvement Plat for The Legends Subdivision.

Alderman Niemietz inquired if The Legends is required to make improvements to Gall Road. Mr. Williams was not sure and stated that none of the plats show improvements to Gall Road. It was agreed by the Council to research if the developer is required to make improvements to Gall Road.

Alderman Agne withdrew his motion and Alderman Hejna withdrew her second of the motion.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to table the approval of the Improvement Plat for The Legends Subdivision until additional research can be conducted regarding improvements to Gall Road. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Seal Coat For City Parking Lots

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Department of Public Works and accept the low bid of 5,070.00 as submitted by Bi-State Seal Coatings to seal the parking lots at City Hall, the Public Safety Complex and the 3 lift stations. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

B. 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 Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the Director of Community and Economic Development as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Zoning Administrator was presented to the Council.

1. Patrick Arnold Set-Back Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant a

set-back variance to Patrick Arnold for his property located at 206 N. Briegel to reduce the set-back from 22 feet to 10 feet for the construction of a new garage. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Groomingdale's Special Use Variance

Alderman Stumpf expressed concern regarding disposal of animal waste. Ms. Gaither explained the process used to contain and dispose of the waste.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant a Special Use Permit to Michelle Gaither, owner of Groomingdale's LTD to operate a pet care and grooming business at 117 and 119 Mark Drive which is located in a C-3 zoned district. 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 Row, to accept the report of the Zoning Administrator as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Plan Commission

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

MOTION:

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

E. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2563 - Notification of Public Utility Service Providers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to pass Ordinance No. 2563, an ordinance requiring City Council approved Preliminary Subdivision Plats and Subdivision Infrastructure Improvement Plats be provided to Public Utility Service Providers by subdividers of property in the City of Columbia, Illinois. 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 Unnerstall, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

F. Administration Department

1. Resolution No. 03-2007 - Transfer of Funds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to pass Resolution No. 03-2007, a resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Working Cash Fund of the City to the General Fund of the City the sum of seven thousand, five hundred twenty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$7,521.98). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2564 - Stop Signs
Alderman Row stated that the intersection of Ferkel and Cherry should be referred to the Chief of Police for consideration of a stop sign. Alderman Unnerstall expressed concern about the stop sign at Longview and Cherry, especially having to make the stop if inclement weather.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2564, an ordinance amending Section 10.52.020 (Schedule "B") of Chapter 10.52 (Traffic schedules) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Municipal Code of the City governing Stop Intersections in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 25, 2007; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred seventy-four thousand, seven hundred sixty-five dollars, and eighty cents (\$174,765.80). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. RFQ For Professional Accounting and Auditing Services

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to direct the City Administrator to finalize the RFQ for Professional Accounting and Auditing Services and to proceed with advertising for responses to the RFQ. Upon Roll Call vote, all Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

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, June 11, 2007

7:00 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation

7:05 PM - Water and Sewer

7:10 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning

7:15 PM - Refuse Collection and Recycling

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl 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 Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl to go into Executive Session at 8:44 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 Unnerstall, to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 9:45 PM. Upon 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, and Stumpf were present.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session. There was none.


XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 4, 2007 at 9:46 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.



Wesley J. Hoefken, City Clerk



Mayor Pro Tem Eugene J. Ebersohl