

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hutchinson called the Executive Session of the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:37 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	

**II. STATED PURPOSE**

Mayor Hutchinson stated the Executive Session was called to discuss (A) the possible purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered; (B) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body; (C) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

**A. Discussion to consider the possible purchase of specific parcel(s) of real estate**

The Mayor and Council discussed at length various aspects, including usage of land and various financing strategies, regarding the possible purchase of real estate from Columbia's American Legion.

At the Mayor's request, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis outlined his findings regarding a grant program offered by the Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) grant program. Mr. Ellis reported on conversations that he has had with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and a representative from the Southwest Illinois Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. He indicated that his research is not yet complete and he will provide the Council with additional information as it is gathered.

After further discussion among Council Members, it was a consensus of the Council that the Mayor and city staff should stay in contact with Legion representative, and express the city's interest in the possible purchase of the said real estate, as further information is gathered and financing options explored.

**B. Personnel - Employee Discipline**

C. Personnel - Update/discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries

City Administrator Al Hudzik opened the discussion by referencing an e-mail he received from Steelworkers' representative Bill Coleman (regarding negotiations with the DOPW employees) in which a request was made to meet with members of the Personnel Committee. It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Hudzik should send a reply to Mr. Coleman advising him that City Engineer Ron Williams and he (Mr. Hudzik) are the city's designated negotiators for the contract with the DOPW.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Council in Executive Session, Mayor Hutchinson asked for a motion to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 9:29 P.M.

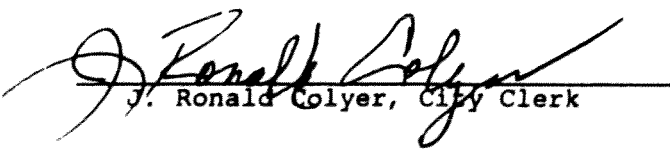
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, April 5, 2010 at 9:29 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

  
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J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson