

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Row</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Unnerstall</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<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 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 checked="" 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 Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 6, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 6, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row    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

**III. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

A. City Clerk's Office Report

The report of the City Clerk's Office was presented to the Council.

B. Library Board

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

C. Police Department

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

D. EMS Department

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

E. Fire Department

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

F. Building and Zoning

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

G. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Resolution No. 13-2008 - Playful City USA

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 13-2008, a resolution endorsing the "Playful City USA" campaign and to authorize for the City of Columbia to be so designated for 2009.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Hejna      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      9 To 0

2. Bolm-Schuhkraft Park Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request for the Historical Trails Cycling organization to camp at the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park on the night of May 31, 2009.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

3. Illinois Leadership Conference

Mr. Ellis informed the Council about the upcoming Illinois Leadership Conference and requested any interested parties contact him.

H. City Engineer

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

1. Ordinance No. 2715 - Employ Oates Associates - Palmer Road

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2715, an ordinance employing Oates Associates, Inc. of Collinsville, Illinois to render professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with preliminary and construction engineering for the Palmer Road resurfacing.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 2

2. Unit School Irrigation System - Waive Water Tap-in Fees

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and waive the water tap-in fees for the Columbia Unit School field irrigation system.

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

I. Plan Commission

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

J. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2716 - STS Recoupment

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2716, an ordinance authorizing an "Amended and Reinstated Assignment of Rights to Recoupment Payments" under and pursuant to a Sanitary Sewer Recoupment Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and STS Custom Homes, Inc., an Illinois corporation, dated January 20, 2003, with regard to the sanitary sewer of the City located along the east side of Illinois Route 3 between South Main Street and the Country Crossing Subdivision on Gilmore Lakes Road which was extended to the west side of Illinois Route 3 to connect to the City's Gall Road Sanitary Sewer.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Row      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      9 To 0

2. Ordinance No. 2717 - Milestone Manor Subdivision

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2717, an ordinance approving a survey plat and authorizing a resubdivision of Lot 25 of the Milestone Manor Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois by Real Estate Exchange between adjoining property owners.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      9 To 0

K. Administration Department

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

1. Budget Discussion

There was a discussion by the Council regarding the proposed budget and the need to reduce the expenses against the General Fund to insure there is more

cash on hand at the end of the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year. It was agreed to make the following changes to the budget.

<u>General Fund - Corporate</u>			<u>Amount</u>
001-00-44000	Police Board Expense	Increase Expense	\$ 2,000.00
001-00-44800	Contingent	Increase Expense	45,000.00
			<u>\$ 47,000.00</u>
<u>General Fund - Police</u>			
101-00-43200	Hospitalization	Decreased Expense	\$ (12,000.00)
101-00-47400	Equipment	Wireless Camera - ICS School	(6,000.00)
101-00-47400	Equipment	Livescan Palmprint Upgrade	(19,300.00)
			<u>\$ (37,300.00)</u>
<u>General Fund - Control Room</u>			
105-00-47400	Equipment	Transmitter/Receiver 3rd of 3	\$ (15,785.00)
105-00-47400	Equipment	Narrow Band Strategic Upgrade	(8,500.00)
			<u>\$ (24,285.00)</u>
<u>General Fund - Park</u>			
104-00-47400	Equipment	One (1) Front Mount Mower	\$ (12,500.00)
			<u>\$ (12,500.00)</u>
<u>General Fund - Street</u>			
103-00-47400	Equipment	Replace K21 Service Truck	\$ (21,500.00)
103-00-46000	Vehicle - Parts and Labor	Repairs Expense	5,000.00
103-00-47500	Street/Sidewalks Drainage Projects	Temple Street Sidewalk	(110,000.00)
103-00-47500	Street/Sidewalks Drainage Projects	Bridge Deck Overlay-Gedern	(27,500.00)
103-00-47500	Street/Sidewalks Drainage Projects	Prelim. Eng Metter Ave.	(50,000.00)
103-00-47500	Street/Sidewalks Drainage Projects	Prelim. Eng-Old Town Phase II	(50,000.00)
			<u>\$ (254,000.00)</u>
<u>Library Fund</u>			
006-00-43200	Hospitalization	Increase Expense	\$ 3,888.00
006-00-44800	Contingent	Increase Expense	5,000.00
			<u>\$ 8,888.00</u>
<u>Capital Development Fund</u>			
014-00-49705	Transfer to Alt Revenue Bond-Reserve	Decrease Expense	\$ (108,000.00)
014-00-47910	Temple Street Sidewalk	Transfer From Street Department	60,000.00
	Bridge Deck Overlay-Gedern		
014-00-47920	Estates	Transfer From Street Department	27,500.00
014-00-47930	Prelim. Eng. - Old Town Phase II	Transfer From Street Department	50,000.00
			<u>\$ 29,500.00</u>
<u>Water and Sewer Operations Fund</u>			
008-00-44800	Contingent	Increase Expense	\$ 10,000.00
008-00-47400	Equipment	(600) Radio Read for Water Meters	(66,000.00)
008-00-47400	Equipment	Mini Excavator	(25,000.00)
009-00-44800	Contingent	Increase Expense	10,000.00
009-00-47400	Equipment	Mini Excavator	(25,000.00)
			<u>\$ (96,000.00)</u>
<b>Net Effect on Total Budget</b>		<b>Combined Net Effect on Budget</b>	<u>\$ (338,697.00)</u>

2. Ordinance No. 2718 - Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2718, an ordinance establishing the budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

Moved by: Hejna      Second: Unnerstall      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      6 To 3

3. Ordinance No. 2719 - Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Fees

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2719, an ordinance amending 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, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010 until Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again amended by ordinance of the City enacted to change the fees and charges.

Moved by: Hejna      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      9 To 0

L. Mayor

The report of the Mayor 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: Row      Vote: Voice

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 16, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred thirty-seven thousand, five hundred twenty-four dollars, and no cents (\$337,524.00).

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

**B. Statement of Funds**

The report of the Statement of Funds was presented to the Council.

**MOTION:**

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

Moved by: Hejna Second: Oberkfell 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**

**A. Arthritis Foundation - Park Reservation**

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brutton presented a brief description of the events to be held at Metter Park for the Arthritis Foundation fund raiser.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the request to use Metter Park on May 31, 2009 for a fund raiser for the Arthritis Foundation contingent upon coordination with the Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Community and Economic Development and the City Clerk's Office.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Oberkfell 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. May 18, 2009 City Council Meeting**

Mayor Hutchinson stated there are four elected officials who are unable to attend the May 18, 2009 Council meeting and recommended the meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to reschedule the Monday, May 18, 2009 City Council meeting to Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Alderman Unnerstall requested a discussion regarding this issue and inquired which officials were unable to attend and why.

Alderman Agne withdrew his motion and Alderman Ebersohl withdrew his second. Mayor Hutchinson stated the German singers, which includes two aldermen and the treasurer are unable to attend. Alderman Unnerstall inquired why the absence

of Mr. Naumann would be an issue since he could be given the oath of office during the day. Mayor Hutchinson stated this would be the meeting where the newly elected officials would take the oath of office. Alderman Unnerstall inquired as about the 4<sup>th</sup> elected official. Mayor Hutchinson stated Mr. Hoeffken also had a conflict, to which Alderman Unnerstall inquired what. Mr. Hoeffken stated he had a high school graduation event for his daughter. Mr. Hoeffken added he needs to be present to administer the oath of office to the Mayor.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to reschedule the Monday, May 18, 2009 City Council meeting to Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

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

C. Block Party - 811 - 815 Sunny Hill Drive

Alderman Row informed the Council about a request he received from Mr. Robert Tocherman to hold a block party at 811 - 815 Sunny Hill Drive on May 2, 2009.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request received from Mr. Robert Tocherman to hold a block party at 811 - 815 Sunny Hill Drive on May 2, 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

**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.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

1. West Park Bowl Recreation Facility

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee and send the request of West Park Bowl to operate a sandlot volleyball court to the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for their review and subsequent recommendations.

Moved by: Agne 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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne      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

B. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA, and Contracts Committee

Minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA, and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

1. Legal Services Request for Qualifications

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA, and Contracts Committee and release the Request for Qualifications for legal services, including city attorney and labor and employment counsel for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Unnerstall      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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA, and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Unnerstall      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

C. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

1. COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Grant

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize the Columbia Police Department to apply for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant for three police officers.



Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Niemietz    Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried    5 To 3

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl    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

D. Personnel Committee

Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz    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

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, March 30, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval. Alderman Niemietz deferred approval of these minutes until she can complete her review of the minutes.

The Minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, April 13, 2009 were not available for approval.

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Monday, April 27, 2009  
7:00 PM - Personnel

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel regarding the FOP contract negotiations. Mr. Hudzik stated given the hour, the FOP discussions could wait until next week and be discussed at a Personnel Committee.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

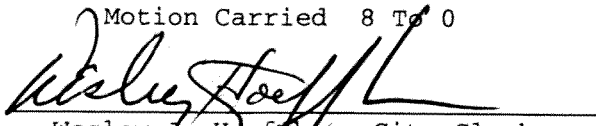
MOTION:


It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 20, 2009 at 10:55 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

  
Wesley J. Hoefken, City Clerk

  
Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson