

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

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**I. Opening**

Mayor Hutchinson opened the public hearing at 6:45 P.M.

The following Alderman were:

Ebersohl	Present	Huch	Absent
Agne	Present	Mathews	Present
Niemietz	Present	Reis	Present
Roessler	Absent	Holtkamp	Present

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken  
City Attorney Terry Bruckert  
Plan Commissioner Gene Bergmann

City Administrator James Morani  
Acting Chief of Police Jerry Paul  
Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

**II. Purpose**

Mayor Hutchinson explained the Public Hearing was scheduled to hear comments, input, and discussion on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

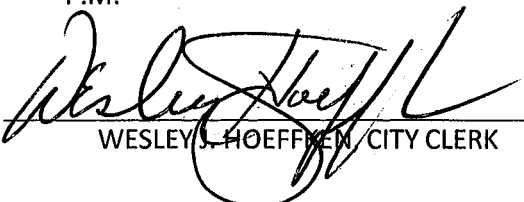
**III. Public Comments**

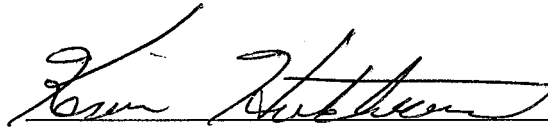
Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there were any comments from the Council. There were none.

**IV. Close of Public Hearing**

There being no more questions or comments, Mayor Hutchinson closed the public hearing at 6:46 P.M.

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 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 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

Ebersohl	Present	Huch	Present
Agne	Present	Reis	Present
Niemietz	Present	Holtkamp	Present
Roessler	Present	Martens	Present

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney Terry Bruckert	Acting Chief of Police Jerry Paul
City Engineer Chris Smith	Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound
Plan Commissioner Virgil Mueller	Head Librarian Britta Krabill
Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis	

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

There were no delegations present.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 4, 2016 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 4, 2016 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, April 4, 2016 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, April 4, 2016 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Library

The report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of February 9 and March 14, 2016, were presented to the Council.

B. Police and Communications

The reports of the Police Department and the Communications Department were presented to the Council.

C. Emergency Medical Services

The report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented to the Council.

1. Employ Richard Palmer - Paid Volunteer (Part-time) Paramedic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the Interim EMS Chief and employ Richard C. Palmer as a Paid Volunteer (Part-time) Paramedic contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Employ Douglas Sutphin - Paid Volunteer (Part-time) Paramedic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the Interim EMS Chief and employ Douglas S. Sutphin as a Paid Volunteer (Part-time) Paramedic contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

D. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 11, 2016 were presented to the Council. Commissioner Virgil Mueller stated that it was recommended to the City Council from their Plan Commission meeting of April 11 to add a budget line item to appropriate up to \$5,000.00 for outside technical support for updating the website for the Comprehensive Plan.

E. Building and Zoning

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

F. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Ordinance No. 3252 - Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan - Main Street Abbey

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Ordinance No. 3252, an ordinance of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, approving the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Main Street Abbey Redevelopment Project Area. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Ordinance No. 3253 - Designating the Proposed Main Street Abbey Redevelopment Project Area

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3253, an ordinance of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, designating the proposed Main Street Abbey Redevelopment Project Area a Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as amended. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

3. Ordinance No. 3254 - Adopt Tax Increment Allocation Financing - Main Street Abbey

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3254, an ordinance of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Main Street Abbey Redevelopment Project Area. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

4. Ordinance No. 3255 - Set Public Hearing Date for a Business District - Proposed Main Street Abbey Business District

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve Ordinance No. 3255, an ordinance setting the time and place for a Public Hearing to consider establishment of a Business District in Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

5. Special Event Request - Ticket to the Beatles

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Ticket to the Beatles event scheduled to be held May 7, 2016 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

G. City Engineer/Public Works

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

1. Resolution No. 23-2015 - Gall Road and Illinois Route 3 Intersection Improvements

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 23-2015, a resolution for improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for the Gall Road and Illinois Route 3 Intersection Improvement Project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Purchase of Bucket Truck

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and reject the bucket truck bid previously received from Drake Scruggs of Springfield, Illinois due to the failure to pass a safety and operational inspection. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and approve the purchase of a used 2003 Ford F-450 truck with a 36' ALTEC Bucket Boom from Weir Ford in Red Bud, Illinois for \$13,620.00.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

3. ITEP Grant (Discussion only)

Mr. Smith presented project costs for the Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Projects Grant Cycle 12. The Council agreed to review the information and address at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

H. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through April 14, 2016 in the amount of two hundred sixty-eight thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$268,123.34).

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Statement of Funds through March 31, 2016 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

- Resolution No. 24-2015 - Transfer Funds (\$50,000.00) from the Garbage Fund to the General Corporate Fund

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 24-2015, a resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Garbage Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

- Resolution No. 25-2015 - Transfer Funds (\$300,000.00) from the Capital Development Fund to the General Corporate Fund

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 25-2015, a resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Capital Development Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

- Ordinance No. 3256 - Amend Title 18 (Fees and Charges) of the City's Municipal Code

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3256, 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' fiscal year commencing May 1, 2016 and until said Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is amended by ordinance of the City enacted to change said fees and charges. Motion Passed 8 to 0.



Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

6. Ordinance No. 3257 - Establish Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3257, an ordinance establishing the Budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

J. Administration

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

1. Employ Kelly Mattingly as Part-time Accounting/Clerical Assistant II

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the City Administrator and employ Kelly Mattingly as a Part-time Accounting/Clerical Assistant II contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. FOP Mediation Agreement - Full-time Sworn Police Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Mediation Agreement for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for Full-time Sworn Police Officers. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

3. FOP Mediation Agreement - Full-time Telecommunicators

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Mediation Agreement for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for Full-time Telecommunicators. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

K. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

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**

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, April 25, 2016**

7:00 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

**IX. Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and collective bargaining as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:31 P.M. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/1(c)(1)(2). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:40 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, Martens, and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

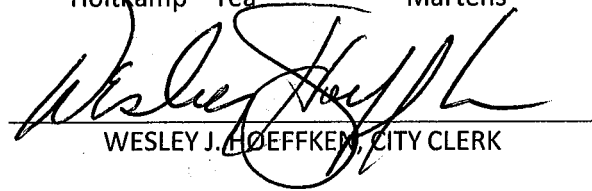
**X. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, April 18, 2016 at 8:44 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON