

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013 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 members were:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Huch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Mathews</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Reis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent			

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Douglas Gruenke	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Amb. Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. Dwayne R. Worley - Certificate of Appreciation

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson presented Dwayne R. Worley with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service and commitment to the City of Columbia, Illinois Plan Commission.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 22, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried        7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting - Tuesday, January 22, 2013

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis		Second: Ebersohl		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2013

Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken presented the January 28, 2013 Plan Commission minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Mr. Paul Ellis presented the Community & Economic Development Report to the City Council.

Included in his report were the Play Commission Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2012, the Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012, an update on the IHPA Historic Preservation Grant which will award Columbia \$7,000 to assist with the development of the community's first comprehensive plan and remarks regarding his sojourn at the ICSC Heartland States Idea Exchange and Alliance Program meeting held at the Marriott Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

2. Columbia Athletic Boosters Eagle Sprint 5K - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request of the Columbia Athletic Boosters Eagle Sprint 5K to be held on March 9, 2013 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Columbia High School.

Moved by: Mathews		Second: Agne		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Re-schedule Public Hearing: Ten-Year Report on Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Area

Per Mr. Ellis' request, the Council re-scheduled the Public Hearing for April 15, 2013 at 6:45 P.M.

C. City Engineer

No Report.

D. City Attorney

City Attorney Doug Gruenke provided the Council with a copy of the Court Order that dismisses the Columbia Crossing, LLC, Appeal of Litigation.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through January 31, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred eighty thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars and zero cents (\$180,159.00).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through December 31, 2012 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,589,666.12. The balance is \$268,862.85 lower than the \$6,858,528.97 balance of November 30, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of December 31, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (October, November and December) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$192,017.00 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through December 31, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

Mr. Hudzik presented his report to the City Council. He spoke briefly regarding information pertinent to the two ordinances to be presented to the Council for its consideration.

2. An Ordinance Amending the Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2997, An Ordinance amending the Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

3. An Ordinance Amending the Electricity Aggregation Program Agreement By and Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Homefield Energy

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2998 as amended, An Ordinance amending the Electricity Aggregation Program Agreement by and between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Homefield Energy.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

4. Mr. Hudzik announced that the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's 2012 Annual Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his 2012 Annual Mayor's Report to the City Council.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept and approve the reports of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ordinance, Planning and Zoning

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 28, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Abstain	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 28, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Abstain	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

C. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to consult with Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Polsinelli Shughart, on the employee issues discussed in Executive Session, and to ratify any prior actions taken pertaining to said issues.

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Moved by: Huch                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Polsinelli Shughart, be employed as labor counsel to assist with negotiating the initial collective bargaining agreement with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 on behalf of Columbia EMS personnel (represented by AFSCME Council 31).

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Moved by: Huch                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - January 28, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Abstain	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

4. Executive Session Minutes - January 28, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 28, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Abstain	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. Review of Attorney General's Opinion on Executive Sessions

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:10 P.M.

Personnel - 7:20 P.M. Executive Session: Wages and benefits discussion for one or more classes of employees

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None.

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

No Executive Session held.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

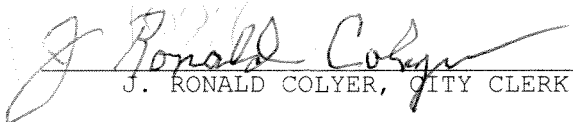
MOTION:

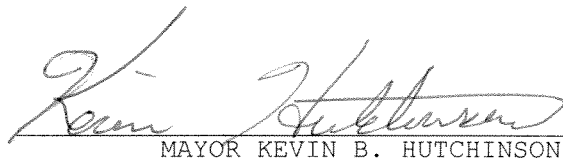
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:28 P.M.

Moved by: Agne                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      7 To 0

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON