

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mary Ellen Niemietz called the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:07 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Mathews.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Roessler, Huch and Reis.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis, City Engineer Ron Williams, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: Megan Riechmann, Community & Environmental Planner with HeartLands Conservancy.

Chairman Niemietz stated the meeting was called for the purpose of (1) receiving a presentation on the Explore Columbia Plan; and (2) any other items to be considered or discussed.

**II. EXPLORE COLUMBIA PLAN PRESENTATION**

Chairman Niemietz opened the meeting and called upon Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis to address the Committee/Council Members on this topic. Paul (a) distributed a document entitled "Explore Columbia – A Comprehensive Alternative Transportation Plan for the City of Columbia, Illinois", which was produced by HeartLands Conservancy; (b) made introductory remarks; and (c) introduced Megan Reichmann, a Community and Environmental Planner with HeartLands Conservancy. Megan stated the objective of the plan was to provide a framework guiding future on- and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities to transform the city into a more bicycle/ pedestrian friendly community – she said it encompasses a long-term plan meant to take up to twenty (20) years to implement (at a cost approximating \$12.3 million (in today's costs)). Megan then reviewed various parts of the plan, which had section titles of "Introduction & Existing Conditions", "Plan Principles" and "Implementation" and informed the Committee/Council Members of various meetings/public hearings that were

held to solicit input from the public – she also indicated the Explore Columbia Plan document had been approved by the City’s Play Commission, as well as the City’s Plan Commission, and that it is scheduled to be presented to the City Council for its consideration at the March 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting. During Megan’s presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions, which included (i) the challenges/safety issues involved in bicyclists/ pedestrians crossing Route 3; (ii) the overall cost of plan implementation over the twenty (20) year timeframe; and (iii) suggestions on how to best present the phasing maps to display the overall plan in a consolidated format. It was the general consensus of the Committee/Council Members that the Explore Columbia Plan document presented a comprehensive, worthwhile bicycle/pedestrian plan – the Committee/Council Members were encouraged to further review the plan and submit any recommended changes/ questions to Paul Ellis by March 4<sup>th</sup> – he will then compile the list of recommended changes/questions (with answers) and distribute them to the City Council Members (prior to the March 11<sup>th</sup> Committee Meetings).

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:34 p.m. Upon Roll Call Vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Mathews voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Chairman  
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY  
HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Agne called the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7: 35 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Roessler, Huch and Mathews.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Agne stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review (1) the procedures/fees/regulations that should apply to dumpsters on private property (due to numerous complaints received on the length of time construction dumpsters have sat in driveways in various city neighborhoods); and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. DUMPSTERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY DISCUSSION**

Chairman Agne made opening remarks and indicated the items to be addressed pertaining to this issue include (i) the length of time a commercial dumpster should be allowed to be located in a yard (i.e., how many days is reasonable?); (ii) the procedures to be followed (including what information should be collected on the application) and the fees to be charged; and (iii) whether any exemptions to the regulations should be allowed (i.e., should new subdivision development be exempted while new homes are still being built?). He then reviewed some of the items contained on the permit applications (previously distributed to the Committee/Council Members) from the (a) Village of Brookfield, IL; (b) City of Clayton, MO; (c) City of Crystal Lake Park, MO; (d) Village of Evergreen Park and (e) City of Glendale, MO (NOTE: a "Street Dumpster Permit Application" currently being used by the City of Columbia was also included in the packet of permit applications for informational purposes). During Chairman Agne's presentation, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask

questions and express their opinions, which included (1) whether more information should be requested on the city's permit application; (2) the enforcement process for assuring that dumpsters are removed at the end of the permit application period; (3) whether the permit process should include storage containers (including "moving PODs") in addition to dumpsters; and (4) that subdivision developers' perspectives should be considered on this issue. Chairman Agne stated this issue would be addressed again at the next Committee Meeting.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

Chairman Agne informed the Committee/Council Members that he had sent e-mails to them pertaining to public meetings to be held by (i) the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Committee on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM on Small Wind Towers; and (ii) the City of Belleville on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM on amendments to the city's Registration of Residential Rental Properties/Crime-Free Housing Program – he stated he planned to attend those meetings and also invited the other Committee/Council Members to attend.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**


**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:51 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis voted yea. **MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

  
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JIM AGNE, Chairman  
ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

  
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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:52 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of (1) receiving a financial information presentation and budget update; and (2) discussing any other items to be considered.

**II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION PRESENTATION AND BUDGET UPDATE**

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik stated that Accounting Manager Linda Sharp would be briefing the members on the budget process and then he would be reviewing various revenue figures. Linda distributed and reviewed her Memo of February 25, 2013 re: 2013-2014 F.Y. Budget Schedule and its budget schedule attachment detailing various Budget Actions to be taken/Meetings to be held prior to the presentation of the city's FY May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014 budget to the City Council for its consideration (anticipated to occur on April 15, 2013). City Administrator Hudzik then distributed and reviewed various financial worksheets (containing fiscal year and fiscal year to date ("YTD") information) entitled "Sales Tax Receipts Summary", reflecting monthly sales tax receipts; "Sales Tax Receipts by Category" detailing quarterly sales tax receipt figures by category from 2006 thru the third quarter of 2012; "George Weber Chevrolet 1% Sales Tax Payments by Month"; "Income Tax Receipts", reflecting monthly income tax receipts (and listing payments currently owed to the city by the state); "Use Tax Receipts", reflecting monthly use tax receipts; "Utility Tax Receipts", reflecting monthly utility tax receipts; Municipal Electricity Aggregation Receipts (2012-2014) from Homefield Energy, reflecting monthly payments received from Homefield Energy; and Charter Communications/HTC Communications Cable TV Franchise Receipts, reflecting quarterly franchise fees. Hudzik's presentation included

analytical data comparing this year's YTD figures to those of previous years – he also highlighted and commented upon several of the figures presented on the worksheets.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Committee Members that Bob Brockland Buick GMC is considering relocating from Cahokia to Columbia and that Brockland representatives have met with Monroe County, Community Unit School District No. 4 and City of Columbia representatives to explore relocation incentives, including tax abatement and sales tax sharing agreement(s).

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Ebersohl entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to receive an update on litigation currently pending against the city.

**MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to receive an update on litigation currently pending against the city. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION – REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Agne to return to the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:40 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Mayor Hutchinson and the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis.

Chairman Ebersohl asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – there was none.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Reis to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, February 25, 2013 at 8:41 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Huch called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:41 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Mathews and Reis.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Attorney Terry Bruckert and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer (left at 8:42 p.m.).

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Huch stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Huch entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees.

**MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to go into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION – REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting at 9:22 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting, the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler. Other Council Members present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Mathews and Reis.

Chairman Huch asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting – there was none.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

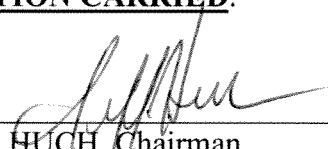
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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, February 25, 2013 at 9:23 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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JEFF HUCH, Chairman  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

  
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ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator