

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC HEARING ACTION REPORT
FEBRUARY 4, 2010 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
3rd FLOOR – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



The Columbia City Council conducted a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2010 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable E. W. Cromartie, II arrived at 6:09 p.m. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann was absent. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- A. [Ordinance No.: 2010-031](#) - (Innovista Redevelopment Plan) - An Ordinance Approving the Innovista Redevelopment Plan of the City of Columbia, South Carolina; Designating Such Area as a Redevelopment Project Area; Making Findings of Blight Within the Redevelopment Project Area and Other Findings Contemplated by the Tax Increment Financing Law; Designating Redevelopment Projects; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

- **Council opened the Public Hearing for Item A. at 6:08 p.m.**

The following individuals appeared before the Council in support of **Item A.**:

Mr. Neil McLean, EngenuitySC
Mr. Bill Boyd, Waterfront Steering Committee
Mr. John Lumpkin, Midlands Business Leadership Group
Mr. Tommy Carter, Russell and Jeffcoat Realtors

- **Council closed the Public Hearing for Item A. at 6:20 p.m.**

- B. [Ordinance No.: 2010-032](#) - (Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan) - An Ordinance Approving the Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan of the City of Columbia, South Carolina; Designating Such Area as a Redevelopment Project Area; Making Findings of Blight Within the Redevelopment Project Area and Other Findings Contemplated by the Tax Increment Financing Law; Designating Redevelopment Projects; and Other Matters Relating Thereto

- **Council opened the Public Hearing for Item B. at 6:20 p.m.**

The following individuals appeared before the Council in support of **Item B.**:

Mr. John Jones, Columbia College
Mr. Grant Jackson, Senior Vice President for the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Gene Green, NAI Avant

Mr. Ted Speth, Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Joel Seel, Mashburn Construction
Ms. Gail Baker, President of the Hyatt Park Keenan Terrace Neighborhood Association
Dr. Charles Young, President of Allen University
Dr. Stacey Jones, Benedict College
Mr. Robert Johnson, Jr., North Columbia Resident

▪ **Council closed the Public Hearing on Item B. at 6:36 p.m.**

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted four (4) to two (2) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2010-031 - (Innovista Redevelopment Plan) - An Ordinance Approving the Innovista Redevelopment Plan of the City of Columbia, South Carolina; Designating Such Area as a Redevelopment Project Area; Making Findings of Blight Within the Redevelopment Project Area and Other Findings Contemplated by the Tax Increment Financing Law; Designating Redevelopment Projects; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine and Mayor Coble. Voting nay were Mr. Finlay and Dr. Gergel.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted four (4) to two (2) to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2010-032 - (Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan) - An Ordinance Approving the Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan of the City of Columbia, South Carolina; Designating Such Area as a Redevelopment Project Area; Making Findings of Blight Within the Redevelopment Project Area and Other Findings Contemplated by the Tax Increment Financing Law; Designating Redevelopment Projects; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Voting aye were Mr. Cromartie, Mr. Davis, Ms. Devine and Mayor Coble. Voting nay were Mr. Finlay and Dr. Gergel.

▪ **Council adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.**