

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
WORK SESSION ACTION REPORT  
FEBRUARY 10, 2010 – 9:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**



The Columbia City Council conducted a Work Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 in the City Hall Conference Room located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann and The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III. The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel arrived at 9:14 a.m. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine arrived at 9:30 a.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

\*\*Mr. Cromartie recognized Police Officers Erskine Moody and Rickey Scleis-Hooyman for quickly apprehending the suspect that had broken into the back wall of his store over the weekend.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. Fuel Cell Collaborative Update – Mr. Neil McLean, EngenuitySC

Upon motion by Mr. Rickenmann, seconded by Mayor Coble, Council voted unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$120,000 from the Economic Development Special Projects Account for annual support of hydrogen fuel cell development in Columbia.

2. Audit Update – Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager

Mr. S. Allison Baker, Senior Assistant City Manager reported that a meeting was held with the auditing firm as it relates to the Columbia Empowerment Zone. He asked that the matter be discussed further in Executive Session.

3. Jackie Breland & Associates Contract Extension – Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager

Upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve a contract extension for Jackie Breland & Associates in the amount of \$22,600.

4. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Ms. Ryan Nevius to the Climate Protection Action Committee, as requested by The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel.

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Ryan Nevius to the Climate Protection Action Committee.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

5. [Resolution No.: R-2010 - 010](#) - Supporting a Joint Resolution of the Richland County Council, Lexington County Council and the City of Columbia Regarding the Development of a Midlands Regional Sustainability Plan

Upon motion by Dr. Gergel, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2010 - 010 - Supporting a Joint Resolution of the Richland County Council, Lexington County Council and the City of Columbia Regarding the Development of a Midlands Regional Sustainability Plan.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

6. Welcome to the City of Columbia [Finance Department's Web Page](#) – Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager

Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager explained that the Finance Department's Web Page can be accessed from the City of Columbia's website [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net) by clicking on "Departments" and then the link to the "Finance Department".

Mayor Coble added that there is a link on the bottom right hand side of the City's homepage entitled "View the City's Financial Reports".

7. Council is asked to approve a [Contract for a Third Party Administrator for the Employee Dental Benefits](#), as requested by the Employee Insurance Committee. Award to Delta Dental of Missouri in an annual amount not to exceed \$52,000.00.  
*Funding Source: 6028931-636600*

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve a Contract for a Third Party Administrator for the Employee Dental Benefits, as requested by the Employee Insurance Committee. Award to Delta Dental of Missouri in an annual amount not to exceed \$52,000.00.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Cromartie, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. for the discussion of **Items 8.** through **10.** as amended. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

8. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
  - New Light Beulah Baptist Church
  - \*\*Lobbyists
  - \*\*City Manager's Contract

These items were discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

9. Receipt of legal advice as it relates to matters covered by attorney-client privilege
  - \*\*Columbia Empowerment Zone Audit

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

10. \*\*Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct
- This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- **Mayor Coble left the Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Mr. Davis left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.**
- **Mayor Coble returned to the Executive Session at 12:06 p.m.**
- **Council adjourned the Executive Session at 1:03 p.m.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

11. [Resolution No.: R-2010 - 004](#) – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Employment Contract between the City of Columbia and Steven A. Gantt

Upon motion by Ms. Devine, seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2010 - 004 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Employment Contract between the City of Columbia and Steven A. Gantt

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Mayor Coble, seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 1:04 p.m. for the discussion of **Item 12**.

12. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements

- **\*\*Mast General Store, Inc.**

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken. Mayor Coble abstained from discussing this item due to a conflict of interest.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.**

<b><u>Tentative Meeting Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Times</u></b>
February 17, 2010	Council Meeting	9:00 a.m.
March 3, 2010	Council Meeting	9:00 a.m.
March 10, 2010	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
March 17, 2010	Council Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Zoning Public Hearing	10:00 a.m.
April 7, 2010	Council Meeting	9:00 a.m.
April 21, 2010	District IV Evening Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Pontiac Elementary School	
	500 Spears Creek Church Road	
	Public Education Session - Forms of Government	