

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
WORK SESSION ACTION REPORT
AUGUST 26, 2009 – 9:00AM
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. 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 Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III arrived at 9:06 a.m. and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine arrived at 9:08 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Funding for Organizations outside the Committee Process

ACTION: The members of Council heard requests for funding outside the committee process from twelve (12) organizations.

There was a consensus of Council to ask Ms. Gober to draft and distribute a notice to all organizations that receive funding from the City of Columbia reminding them to be cautious with their funding / budgets because revenues are based on collections that are currently below projections.

2. [Holiday Pay](#) Policy – Mr. Steven Gantt, Interim City Manager

ACTION: The members of Council briefly discussed the Holiday Pay Policy. There was a consensus of Council to request additional information as it relates to alternatives and suggestions on holiday pay for various shifts and how holidays are scheduled for the Fire Department.

- Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:18 p.m. for the discussion of Item 8. as amended.

- 2a. **Perspectives on a Ride through the South Region – The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel

ACTION: This item was deferred.

3. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to McLeod Butler Communications, LLC in the monthly amount of \$1,491.00 for a total annual amount of \$17,892.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300*

ACTION: This item was deferred.

4. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to The Grant Group, Inc. in the monthly amount of \$1,491.00 for a total annual amount of \$17,892.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300*

ACTION: This item was deferred.

5. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to the State Capitol Group, LLC in the monthly amount of \$2,982.00 for a total annual amount of \$35,784.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300*

ACTION: This item was deferred.

6. Council is asked to approve an [Agreement for Professional Financial Consulting Services for a one \(1\) year Service Extension period](#). Award to JB & Associates in the amount of \$30,000. *Funding Source: 1011101*

ACTION: This item was deferred.

7. Council is asked to approve the [Scope of Work](#) to provide services to clients in accordance with the Master Consulting Services Agreement dated December 18, 2008, as requested by the Employee Insurance Committee. Award to Towers Perrin in the amount of \$85,000. This vendor is located in Charlotte, NC. *Funding Source: 6048933* **Note:** *The fixed fee is payable in installments with 30% of the fee due upon executions of Scope of Work; 40% of fee due October 1, 2009 and the remaining 20% of the fee is due upon completion of services. The fixed fee has three phases and it's broken down as follows:*

- \$5,000 for the Planning / Educational Session
- \$40,000 for the medical RFP
- \$40,000 for the prescription drug RFP

ACTION: This item was deferred.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
- Village at Rivers' Edge Project – *Mayor Coble abstained from discussions due to a conflict of interest.*
 - YMCA
 - **Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment District

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

- Council adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.