

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
WORK SESSION ACTION REPORT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 – 8:30AM – 11:30AM
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 in the Council Conference Room of City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II arrived at 9:16 a.m. Also present were Mr. Steve Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Victim's Assistance Fund – Mr. Michael A. King, Assistant City Manager of Public Safety

ACTION: Mr. Michael A. King, Assistant City Manager of Public Safety informed the members of Council that the Victim's Assistance Fund has a negative balance, which must be corrected by transferring funds from another fund.

There was a consensus of Council to direct staff to identify the reason(s) for the deficit along with options for funding the deficit and increasing future revenues and collections of scheduled time payments. A report should be provided to the Council in two (2) weeks.

2. Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment District Plan – The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

ACTION: There was a consensus of Council to direct staff to update the existing map, timeline, financial data and plan. The updated information should be provided to the members of Council as soon as possible and a meeting should be scheduled for further discussion, if needed. Currently, the next discussion is scheduled for September 23, 2009.

- Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. for the discussion of compensation of employees.
- Council adjourned the Executive at 11:48 a.m. to reconvene the meeting.

3. **Holiday Pay – Mr. Steve Gantt, Interim City Manager

ACTION: Council voted six (6) to one (1) to waive the existing holiday policy as stated in the Employee Handbook and to accept the revised policy for fiscal year 2009/2010 for employees to receive two (2) paid holidays out of the remaining eight (8) holidays. Employees cannot use annual leave in lieu of the holiday pay. The Interim City Manager was directed to develop a mechanism to disseminate this information to all staff regardless of the shift worked within the next 48-hours. Mr. Rickenmann voted no.

- **Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:06 p.m. for the receipt of legal advice as it relates to a matter covered by attorney-client privilege. Mr. Davis, Mr. Finlay and Dr. Gergel were not present at this time. No action was taken.**

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.**