

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
WORK SESSION ACTION REPORT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, 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. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. for the discussion of the employment of an employee.**
 - **Mr. Finlay left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.**
- I. City Manager Search – Mr. James Mercer, The Mercer Group
ACTION: This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.
- **Council adjourned the Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. to reconvene the Work Session.**

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

- II. Innovista Redevelopment Plan
ACTION: This was a discussion. No action was taken.
- **Council recessed at 12:34 p.m.**
 - **Council reconvened at 12:37 p.m.**
- III. **Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services – The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble
ACTION: Council voted unanimously to direct the Interim City Manager to contact the Richland County Administrator and to endorse the creation of a policy as it relates to firefighters driving ambulances in emergency situations. Once the policy is drafted, it is to be considered by the members of Council.
- IV. **Shady Lane Landscape Improvements – The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble
ACTION: There was a consensus of Council to direct the Interim City Manager to coordinate a meeting between the residents of Shady Lane, Councilman Finlay and staff to determine what landscape improvements are needed on Shady Lane.
- **Council recessed at 12:48 p.m.**
 - **Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.**

- V. **Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Agreement for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Funding \(HPRP\) Program](#). Award to the University of South Carolina for Case Management Services from September 30, 2009 through September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$95,800.

ACTION: APPROVED

- VI. **Council is asked to approve a [Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program Sub Recipient Agreement](#) for Providing Services to Assist Program Participants in Obtaining Legal Service to Achieve Housing Stability. Award to the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center in the amount of \$20,000 and to SC Legal Services in the amount of \$80,000 for a total amount of \$100,000.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

- VII. **[Ordinance No.: 2009-110](#) - Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 6, Elections, Sec. 6-2, Method of election; election districts, (b)

ACTION: APPROVED on first reading.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

- VIII. Council is asked to approve an [Amended Contract for Consulting Services Extension Agreement](#). Award to JB & Associates in an increased amount of \$51,000.00 modifying the not to exceed amount to \$81,000.00 for an additional one (1) year term commencing July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

ACTION: APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 1:47 p.m.**

- IX. **Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
- Ameresco

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

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.**