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City Takes Proactive Steps Regarding Allegations of Misconduct

Columbia City Manager Steven A. Gantt announced today that the City of Columbia will take immediate steps to investigate the validity of allegations of financial misconduct. The allegations have been made by a former city employee regarding financial matters in the Community Development Department. These allegations have also been shared with and reported by local media outlets. Prior to the media reports, city administrators were not made aware of the aforementioned allegations.

Columbia Police Department officials have already contacted an outside agency and have requested that an investigation be launched as soon as possible. The City of Columbia will continue to move forward with swift and appropriate action regarding this matter. Due to the pending independent investigation by an outside agency, no further comment will be made by city officials until a final report has been provided by an outside agency.

If wrong doing is identified then the City of Columbia will take appropriate action. If the allegations are unfounded, the City of Columbia will make that information available to both the public and the media.

“The integrity of the City of Columbia is very important and we are committed to ensuring transparency in the management of our financial resources,” Gantt stated.

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