

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2010 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel and The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh. The Honorable Sam Davis arrived after the Executive Session. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 1. and 2.** as outlined.

1. Discussion of employment of an employee – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*
2. Receipt of legal advice which relates to pending, threatened or potential claim – *This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Dr. Gergel, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. and to convene the Work Session. Mr. Davis was present at this time.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

3. TIGER II Planning/HUD Sustainable Community Challenge Grant – Ms. Teresa Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs

Upon a motion made by Dr. Gergel and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to endorse the City of Columbia TIGER II Planning/HUD Sustainable Community Challenge Grant Application, subject to staff receiving a commitment from SCDOT for matching funds.

4. TIGER II Discretionary Grant – Ms. Teresa Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to endorse the City of Columbia TIGER II Discretionary Grant Application.

5. HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant – Ms. Teresa Wilson, Director of Governmental Affairs

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to endorse the City of Columbia HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application.

6. Law Enforcement Briefing

The members of City Council held an in-depth roundtable discussion with Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott about the possible joint administration of law enforcement duties as it relates to the City of Columbia Police Department.

The following individuals appeared before the City Council to comment on the possible joint administration of law enforcement duties of the Columbia Police Department:

Representative Todd Rutherford  
Mr. Femi Olulenu, District II Resident  
Mr. John Holmes, Homeless Helping Homeless  
Ms. Marleen Mackey, District III Resident  
Elder Summers, United House of Prayer  
Ms. Christie Savage, Northwood Hills Neighborhood Association  
Ms. Ryan Nevius  
Ms. Elizabeth Fryga  
Ms. Alexzena Furgess, Jones McDonald Neighborhood Association  
Ms. Ellen Cooper, Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods  
Ms. Michelle Huggins  
Ms. Bessie Watson, President of the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods  
Officer John Vonhouton  
Inv. Gerald Hutto  
Sgt. Andre Williams  
Ms. Katheryn Bellefield, Booker T. Washington Heights Neighborhood Association  
Lt. D.K. Martin  
Mr. Bruce Sanders  
Mr. Tige Watts, Brandon Acres / Cedar Terrace Neighborhood Association

There was a consensus of Council to schedule a hearing for public input; to schedule a forum for Police Officer input; and to consider scheduling a public hearing in each Council District. The City of Columbia will provide advance notice of all scheduled meetings.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the Work Session at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley  
City Clerk