

**City Manager Teresa Wilson Issued a Statement Regarding Death of
Community Development Director, Deborah Christie on 5/29/2016**

Many of you have been informed of the passing of our most capable and beloved Community Development Director, Ms. Deborah Christie. To say that I and so many feel a profound sense of loss is an understatement. Deborah has been such a tremendous spirit and employee for almost 17 years at the City of Columbia; she is certainly missed. The challenges we have faced as a City family have been many since 2015 – the losses of treasured employees, an unprecedented act of God and a recent severe in the line of duty injury, to name a few. Through all of these occurrences, we have stood graciously and strong as a City family. We will continue to do so in the upcoming days as we celebrate Deborah's life and service to her community.