

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
WORK SESSION ACTION REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 – 8:00AM  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, September 09, 2009 on the second floor of City Hall, 1737 Main Street. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 8:12 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 and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III arrived at 8:30 a.m.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment District Plan – The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II, The Honorable Sam Davis and The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine  
**ACTION: There was an in-depth discussion relating to the plan and the financing of such. A follow-up discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. No action was taken.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

2. Timeline for Audit Process / Outline of Steps in Audit Process – Mr. Bud Addison, Senior Manager for Webster Rogers LLP  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**
3. External / Internal Auditor Report – Ms. Jackie Breland, External Auditor for Jackie Breland & Associates  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**
4. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Jeff Palen, Treasurer  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

5. [Holiday Pay](#) Policy – Mr. Steven Gantt, Interim City Manager  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**
6. [GovQA Citizens Response System](#) – Mr. Michael A. King, Assistant City Manager for Public Safety  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**
7. [Nixel Community Notification / Information System](#) – Mr. Michael A. King, Assistant City Manager for Public Safety  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**
8. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to McLeod Butler Communications, LLC in the monthly amount of \$1,491.00 for a total annual amount of \$17,892.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300*  
**ACTION: DEFERRED**

9. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to The Grant Group, Inc. in the monthly amount of \$1,491.00 for a total annual amount of \$17,892.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300*

**ACTION: DEFERRED**

10. Council is asked to approve a [Professional Services Contract for Lobbying Services](#), as requested by the Office of Governmental Affairs. Award to the State Capitol Group, LLC in the monthly amount of \$2,982.00 for a total annual amount of \$35,784.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1011103-638300*

**ACTION: DEFERRED**

11. Council is asked to approve a funding agreement between TN Development, Inc. and the City of Columbia for funding in the amount \$1,038,350, which money shall be used to pay the costs of demolishing Blighted Structures located in those portions of the City or Richland County identified by U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 29203, 29204, and 29205 at no cost to the property owner. Agreement to be in a form and terms approved by the City Attorney.

**ACTION: APPROVED**

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

12. [Ordinance No. : 2009-107](#) - Amending Ordinance No. 2009-030 to adjust millage rate

**ACTION: APPROVED on first reading.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

13. [Columbia Museum of Art](#)  
Council is asked to approve the appointment of three (3) members.

**ACTION: DEFERRED**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. for the discussion of Items 14. and 15.**

14. \*\*Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements  
**ACTION: This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.**

15. \*\*Discussion of compensation of an employee  
**ACTION: This item was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.**

- **Mr. Finlay left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.**
- **Council adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.**