

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
WORK SESSION ACTION REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 9:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET**



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The Columbia City Council met for a Work Session on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Robert D. Coble called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 Kirkman Finlay III and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann was absent. Also present were Mr. Steve Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Salley, City Clerk.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. Selection of a Firm to Conduct an Efficiency Study  
**ACTION:** The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine clarified the consensus of Council made on September 16, 2009 to authorize Councilwoman Devine and Assistant City Manager Baker to negotiate the amount for an efficiency study and to explore alternative funding recommendations. This matter will be considered on October 7, 2009.
  
2. Council is asked to approve [Project #SD8325, #WM412201, #WM412202, #SS7075, and #R46: Village at River's Edge Development](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award to McClam & Associates, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,923,884.92. This vendor is located in Little Mountain, SC. *Funding Source: WM412201 – This is a Mentor Protégé Program*  
**ACTION:** APPROVED – Mr. Finlay and Mayor Coble abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.
  
3. [Resolution No.: R-2009-075](#) - Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Columbia and Village at Rivers Edge, LLC  
**ACTION:** APPROVED – Mr. Finlay and Mayor Coble abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.
  
4. [Resolution No.: R-2009-076](#) - Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Columbia and Village at Rivers Edge, LLC for price differential to be paid by the Village at Rivers Edge, LLC for infrastructure construction  
**ACTION:** APPROVED – Mr. Finlay and Mayor Coble abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.
  
5. [Resolution No.: R-2009-071](#) – Providing for Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan; Providing for Notice to All Taxing District included in the Redevelopment Project Area described therein; and other matters relating thereto.  
**ACTION:** Council voted five (5) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R- 2009-071. Mr. Finlay voted no.

6. [Resolution No.: R-2009-077](#) - Providing for Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the Innovista Redevelopment Plan; Providing for Notice to All Taxing Districts included in the Redevelopment Project Area described therein; and other matters relating thereto.

**ACTION:** Council voted five (5) to one (1) to approve Resolution No.: R- 2009-077. Mr. Finlay voted no.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

7. Municipal Court Judges

**ACTION:** Consideration of this item was deferred.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. for the discussion of Items 8. through 10. as outlined.

8. \*\*Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements

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

9. \*\*Discussion of employment of employee

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

10. \*\*Receipt of legal advice as it relates to matters covered by attorney-client privilege

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

- Mayor Coble left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.
- Mr. Finlay left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.
- Dr. Gergel left the meeting at 12:11 p.m. and there was no longer a quorum.
- The remaining Council members adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.