

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009 – 9:00 AM – 12:00PM
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET – 2ND FLOOR**



The Columbia City Council met for a Special Called Meeting on Monday, December 21, 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 Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III and The Honorable Belinda F. Gergel. The Honorable E.W. Cromartie, II arrived at 9:16 a.m. Also present were Mr. Steven A. Gantt, Interim City Manager and Ms. Niki Daniels, City Clerk Assistant.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Coble, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda by adding an update on the Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine and Mr. Angelo McBride, Business Administrator / Office of Business Opportunities

Councilor Devine provided an update on the proposed Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan. She reminded the Council that in November, they rescheduled the Public Hearing for February 4, 2010. We were told that a new plan had to be sent to the other jurisdictions and that a vote is not required. We resubmitted the plans on December 18, 2009, because Richland School District One would be closed for the holidays. She noted that the plans haven't changed with the exception of addressing questions from Richland County Council and the Richland One School Board. They were also provided with greater detail on the projects within the Columbia Renaissance Redevelopment Plan.

Councilor Rickenmann asked additional questions, because he received calls from members of Richland County Council.

Mr. Angelo McBride, Business Administrator announced that a full briefing will be provided in January 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mayor Coble and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. for the discussion of **Item 2.** as outlined.

- **Council adjourned the Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.**

2. Discussion of employment of an employee

Upon a motion made by Mayor Coble and seconded by Mr. Finlay, Council voted unanimously to hire Mr. Steven A. Gantt as City Manager for the City of Columbia under a one year contract in the amount of \$166,000 plus \$9,000 for travel related expenses.

- **Council adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Salley
City Clerk