

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
JULY 30, 2013 – 11:00 A.M.
PARKING SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
820 WASHINGTON STREET**



Members of the Columbia City Council conducted an Economic and Community Development Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 in the Parking Services Conference Room, 820 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina. As chairman, The Honorable Sam Davis called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Moe Baddourah and The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin were present.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. [IT-ology Update](#) – Mr. Lonnie Emard, President and Mr. Todd Lewis, Executive Director / IT-ology

Mr. Lonnie Emard, President of IT-ology reported that over 4 ½ years IT-ology has created a model that looks at the information technology talent pool realizing that the information technology profession is the enabler to every industry in this City. He asked that everyone collaborate and rally around this model in order to sustain it.

Mr. Todd Lewis, Executive Director of IT-ology reported that they want to work closer with Columbia’s Economic Development Office to provide recruiting assistance and data research; continue increasing higher education enrollment in IT related programs; continue business growth and the positive impact on local companies; continue education opportunities for the underserved population; and continue brand enhancement.

There was a consensus of the committee to allow staff to determine how to strengthen the partnership between the City and IT-ology to include volunteering at Cyber Saturdays and the committee members will visit IT-ology.

2. Commercial Revolving Loan Fund – Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Tina Herbert, Executive Director of the Office of Business Opportunities led an in-depth review of the most recent code revisions to the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund.

There was a consensus of the committee to allow staff to complete the requested revisions; resend the draft code to the committee members for review and further comment; and to finalize the code revisions at the next committee meeting.

- **The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk