

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO: Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA **Cascade Hills Church - Adopt-a-Spot MOU – Highway 80/22**
SUBJECT: **Corridor Beautification**
AGENDA Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between
SUMMARY: Columbus Consolidated Government and Cascade Hills Church for the landscaping, beautification, and ongoing maintenance of a section of Highway 80/22 from M.P. 2.2 to M.P. 2.3. This project will be authorized through the Adopt-a-Spot Program of the Columbus, Georgia Department of Public Works. Cascade Hills Church will be fully responsible for all financial requirements and ongoing maintenance of the project.

INITIATED BY: **City Manager's Office**

Recommendation: Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government and Cascade Hills Church for the landscaping, beautification, and ongoing maintenance of a section of Highway 80/22 from M.P. 2.2 to M.P. 2.3. This project will be authorized through the Adopt-a-Spot Program of the Columbus, Georgia Department of Public Works. Cascade Hills Church will be fully responsible for all financial requirements and ongoing maintenance of the project.

Background: Cascade Hills Church is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation that desires to assist in the beautification of a portion of the Highway 80/22 corridor right-of-way within Columbus, Georgia. Cascade Hills has applied to participate in the Department of Public Works' Adopt-a-Spot Program and has offered to provide the funding for improvements and ongoing landscape maintenance for the plantings and other proposed improvements at the Project Location.

Analysis: The City agrees to allow Cascade Hills and its contractor to make landscape improvements to beautify a focal point in Columbus' roadways. The City has reviewed and approved the plans and will execute an application to GDOT to obtain a permit for the project within the GDOT right-of-way.

Cascade Hills will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of the installation and ongoing maintenance and intends to utilize a licensed and bonded contractor who will provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured. If any installation or maintenance activities require lane closures or sidewalk obstructions, Cascade Hills or its contractor must submit an appropriate traffic control plan to the Engineering Department and obtain all required permits prior to commencing work. Cascade Hills is responsible for all ongoing maintenance of the landscape improvements, plant material, and irrigation system, and will collect volunteer waivers to be filed with the Director of the Department of Public Works.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations for the City. Cascade Hills Church is fully responsible for all installation and ongoing maintenance costs.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed this MOU and approved it as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government and Cascade Hills Church for the landscaping, beautification, and ongoing maintenance of a section of Highway 80/22 from M.P. 2.2 to M.P. 2.3. This project will be authorized through the Adopt-a-Spot Program of the Columbus, Georgia Department of Public Works. Cascade Hills Church will be fully responsible for all financial requirements and ongoing maintenance of the project.

RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (THE "CITY") AND CASCADE HILLS CHURCH FOR THE HIGHWAY 80/22 LANDSCAPING, BEAUTIFICATION, AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Cascade Hills Church ("Cascade Hills") is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation which desires to assist in the beautification of a portion of the Highway 80/22 corridor right-of-way within Columbus, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Cascade Hills is offering to provide the funding for improvements and ongoing landscape maintenance for the plantings and other proposed improvements at the Project Location; and,

WHEREAS, the Project Location is a section of Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") right-of-way on Highway 80/22 from M.P. 2.2– M.P. 2.3, which is maintained by the City's Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, this Project will be authorized through the Adopt-a-Spot Program of the Columbus, Georgia Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, Cascade Hills will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of the installation and ongoing maintenance of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, Cascade Hills or its contractor will be required to submit an appropriate traffic control plan to the Engineering Department and obtain all required permits and approvals if installation or maintenance activities require lane closure or obstruction of sidewalks; and,

WHEREAS, Cascade Hills is responsible for all on-going maintenance of the landscape improvements, plant material, and irrigation system installed for the Project, as well as picking up and disposing of trash and debris; and,

WHEREAS, Cascade Hills will obtain waiver(s) from any individual volunteer participant(s) working on the Project site by using the waiver and release document supplied by the Adopt-a-Spot program to be filed with the Director of the Department of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Cascade Hills Church and the City in accordance with the terms set forth in the form attached.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 13th day of October, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor