

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Public Art MOU – Advocacy thru Art
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the approval of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State University for an Advocacy thru Arts Mural Project at 18 th Street and 5 th Avenue.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) and Columbus State University (“CSU”) for an Advocacy thru Arts Project.

Background: CSU is a part of the University System of Georgia, enrolling almost 8,500 students in a wide variety of degree programs. CSU desires to commission a public arts initiative to support racial justice and has requested to utilize a city wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue.

Analysis: The City’s responsibility would be to allow CSU to utilize the wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue for a public arts initiative to support racial justice. The City will approve the art concept prior to the start of the project.

CSU will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project. They will be required to provide a traffic plan of the sidewalk area and use of the right of way and any applicable permits. They are also responsible for all maintenance of the wall during the period this contract is in effect. They will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area. They will obtain waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall releasing the City and CSU from any and all claims during the term of the Agreement.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) and Columbus State University (“CSU”) for an Advocacy thru Arts Project.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, REQUESTING APPROVAL ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR AN ADVOCACY THRU ARTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Columbus State University (“CSU”) is the part of the University System of Georgia, enrolling almost 8,500 students in a wide variety of degree programs; and

WHEREAS, CSU desires to commission a public arts initiative to support racial justice and has requested to utilize a city wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) agrees to allow CSU to utilize the wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue, which is on City property for a public arts initiative to support racial justice; and

WHEREAS, the City shall approve the art concept prior to the start of the project;
and

WHEREAS, CSU will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of this project;
and

WHEREAS, CSU will be required to provide a traffic plan and get all necessary permits needed if any lane closure(s) are required, closure/obstruction of the sidewalk area, and use of the right of way; and

WHEREAS, CSU is responsible for all maintenance of the wall during the period this contract is in effect, and

WHEREAS, CSU will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, CSU will obtain liability waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall releasing the City and CSU from any and all claims during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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 Columbus State University 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 on the _____ day of _____ September 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor