

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Exceptional Main Streets Memorandum of Understanding
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development, the Local Main Street Program Board of Directors, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) for the Community. DCA will enter into this agreement with the above parties to provide services in return for active and meaningful participation in the Georgia Exceptional Main Streets Program.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development, the Local Main Street Program Board of Directors, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) for the Community. DCA will enter into this agreement with the above parties to provide services in return for active and meaningful participation in the Georgia Exceptional Main Streets Program.

Background: In recognition of the agreement by DCA, the Community, the Board of Directors, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) to maintain an active Local Main Street Program. This is a renewal of the Mainstreet Streets designation.

Analysis: This agreement outlines the necessary requirements set forth by DCA for the Community's participation in the GEMS Program for the stated year. DCA is the sponsoring state agency for the GEMS program and is licensed by the National Main Street Center (hereinafter referred to as "National Program") to designate, assess, and recommend for accreditation Main Street programs within the State of Georgia.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: Must enter into a signed Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development, the Local Main Street Program Board of Directors, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) for the Community. DCA will enter into this agreement with the above parties to provide services in return for active and meaningful participation in the Georgia Exceptional Main Streets Program.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICE OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, THE LOCAL MAIN STREET PROGRAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE DOWNTOWN MANAGER (UPTOWN COLUMBUS) FOR THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the agreement by DCA, the Community, the Board of Directors, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) to maintain an active Local Main Street Program. This is a renewal of the Mainstreet Streets designation.

WHEREAS, this agreement outlines the necessary requirements set forth by DCA for the Community’s participation in the GEMS Program for the stated year. DCA is the sponsoring state agency for the GEMS program and is licensed by the National Main Street Center (hereinafter referred to as “National Program”) to designate, assess, and recommend for accreditation Main Street programs within the State of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HERBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development, the Local Main Street Program Board of Directors, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) for the community.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of Council.

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| Councilor Allen voting | _____. |
| Councilor Barned 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, III, Mayor