

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Best Buy Easement Release
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a Quit Claim Deed to release the Best Buy access easement. No financial requirement by the City.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed to release the Best Buy access easement for Kadie the Cow.

Background: The City of Columbus accepted ownership of Kadie the Cow from Parmalat USA on February 20, 2001 per Resolution 87-01. At that time, Kadie the Cow was located at 2925 Manchester Expressway (parcel # 069 008 004), owned by Best Buy Stores, L.P. In May 2019, Best Buy was planning to sell the property and provided the city with a permanent access easement per Resolution 127-19. Uptown Columbus, Inc. approached the city about relocating Kadie the Cow to the Uptown area. A Memorandum of Understanding was executed with Uptown Columbus, Inc. per Resolution 203.22. Kadie the Cow was relocated to Uptown on November 29, 2022.

Analysis: The permanent access easement is no longer needed.

Financial Considerations: No financial requirement by the City.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed the Quit Claim Deed.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed to release the Best Buy access easement for Kadie the Cow.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO RELEASE THE PERMANENT ACCESS EASEMENT AT 2925 MANCHESTER EXPRESSWAY FOR KADIE THE COW.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus owns the iconic Kadie the Cow statue currently previously located on Manchester Expressway near the former site of Kinnett Dairy Farm per Resolution 87-01; and,

WHEREAS, Uptown Columbus Inc. relocated the statue to the 1000 block of Bay Ave. per Resolution 203-22; and,

WHEREAS, the permanent access easement granted by Best Buy Stores, L.P. per Resolution 127-19 is no longer needed.

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

To authorize the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed to release the permanent access easement for the Kadie the Cow statue.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle 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