

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Historic Westville, Inc.</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to amend the Memorandum Agreement with Historic Westville, Inc.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Historic Westville, Inc.

**Background:** On August 13, 2013, Council approved per Resolution # 258-13 to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Historic Westville, Inc. for the purpose of relocating Westville's Living History Museum to Columbus, Georgia. The agreement was executed on August 23, 2013 giving Historic Westville, Inc. 24 months to begin normal operations of the Living History Museum with an expiration date of August 22, 2015.

On September 15, 2015, Council approved per Resolution #250-15 to authorize the City Manager to execute an Amendment to the MOA with Historic Westville, Inc. to extend the time frame to begin normal operation of the Living History Museum for one additional year to expires on August 31, 2016.

On August 9, 2016, Council approved per Resolution #287-16 to authorize the City Manager to amend the Agreement to extend the timeframe to begin normal operations of the living history museum by an additional one year through August 31, 2017.

On May 23, 2017, Council approved per Resolution #144-17 to authorize the City Manager to amend the Agreement to extend the timeframe to begin normal operations of the living history museum by an additional one year through August 31, 2018, as well as to partner with the city for the development of a parking lot and lighting on Tract A2.

On June 10, 2018, Council approved per Resolution #224-18 to authorize the City Manager to amend the Agreement to extend the timeframe to begin normal operations of the living history museum by an additional one year through November 30, 2018.

On December 11, 2018, Council approved per Resolution #453-18 to authorize the City Manager to amend the Agreement to extend the timeframe to begin normal operations of the living history museum by an additional one year through June 30, 2019.

As a result of the pandemic, Historic Westville, Inc. temporarily ceased operations of the Living History Museum. The Memorandum of Agreement stipulates that if the premises ceases to operate as a museum, the property reverts back to the City.

**Analysis:** Historic Westville, Inc. desires an Amendment to December 31, 2023 to evaluate the operations of the facilities and develop a strategic business plan to reopen Westville. Westville will be required to continue to maintain the property and provide security and insurance. An additional six-month extension can be granted by the City Manager.

**Financial Considerations:** No funding is required by the city.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review the agreement and approve as to form prior to execution.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Historic Westville, Inc.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH HISTORIC WESTVILLE, INC. TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was executed with Historic Westville, Inc. on August 31, 2013 by Resolution #258-13; and,

**WHEREAS**, this MOA has been amended several times over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the MOA as amended, Historic Westville, Inc. commenced Living History Museum operations on June 22, 2019, but has now temporarily closed due to financial concerns which began as a result of the pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MOA stipulates that if operations cease, the Tract A reverts back to the city; and,

**WHEREAS**, Historic Westville, Inc. desires that the City waive this stipulation of the MOA through December 31, 2023 to allow Historic Westville, Inc. to develop a strategic business plan to resume operations.

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

1. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute an Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Historic Westville, Inc. to extend its possession of Tract A until December 31, 2023.
2. This extension is contingent upon Historic Westville, Inc. continuing to meet all other requirements of the MOA, as amended, to include providing insurance, maintenance, and security for the Tract.
3. In the event Westville can show significant progress in its development of a strategic plan, the City Manager may grant an additional six-month extension.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on 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 Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor