

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Lease Agreement Extension 1807 17th Street — Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia to lease the building at 1807 17th Street for \$1 per year for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning January 1, 2021
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia to lease the building at 1807 17th Street for \$1 per year for a period of twenty (20) years.

Background: The City owns the property located at 1807 17th Street. The Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia have occupied the building since 1948. The current lease was signed in 2016. The Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia requested to amend the existing lease for a period of 99 years for \$1 per year. Per the attached letter they would like to conduct substantial renovations to the building with the understanding that all renovations and additions must be approved by Columbus Consolidated Government and the local Historic Board. In addition, they wish to redesign the parking area to allow for better and more parking. After reviewing the request, The City and Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia have collectively agreed to initiate a new 20-year lease.

Analysis: This building has served as a symbol of Girl Scouting and provided a "Little House" where generations of Girl Scouts have met for the last 72 years in the Columbus Area. The Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia will significantly renovate the building, at no cost to the City which will improve the aesthetics to the neighborhood and increase the value of the structure. In addition, they are in the process of redesigning the parking area to allow for better and more parking. A resolution is needed to initiate a new 20-year lease which will commence on January 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2040.

Financial Considerations: There will be no cost burden to the City. The tenant will be responsible for all improvements, maintenance and utilities, and will be required to maintain liability and property insurance.

Legal Considerations: Any lease agreement involving City of Columbus owned property requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into a 20-year lease agreement with the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia to lease the building at 1807 17th Street for \$1 per year for a period of twenty (20) years.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS OF HISTORIC GEORGIA TO LEASE THE BUILDING AT 1807 17TH STREET FOR \$1 PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS.

WHEREAS, the building is currently leased by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the City owns the building located at 1807 17th Street; and,

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts are requesting a new lease that will expire on December 31, 2040;
and,

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts plan to conduct substantial renovations, and add an addition to the property, at no cost to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City will charge the tenant \$1 per year for a period of twenty (20) years and the tenant will be responsible for all improvements, maintenance costs, utilities and will be required to maintain liability and property insurance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia to lease the building at 1807 17th Street for \$1 per year for a period of twenty (20) years.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of December 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, III, Mayor