

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to extend the MOA timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, which is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to extend the MOA timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue; which is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.

The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the federal grantee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Background: An MOA was executed, per Resolution 294-21, between the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office to carry out demolition of 2610 16th Avenue in August 2021. The MOA expires in five (5) years, so an amended MOA is needed to extend the timeline to complete the mitigation activities in accordance with Stipulation I of the original MOA.

The State of Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) found that 2610 16th Avenue is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District. Additionally, HPD found that the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue is within the proposed project's area of potential effect (APE). Additionally, the undertaking's area of potential effects impacts surrounding properties with a view of the house. Prior to demolishing this structure, a MOA is needed authorizing the demolition. The city has conducted a Historic Resources Survey prior to demolition. Digital photographs of the building(s) located at 2610 16th Avenue were taken including views of the exterior and interior and structural or decorative detailing such as roof, mantels, interior molding, exterior woodwork,

and structural systems on the underside of the building. Digital photographs showing the overall complex and its setting were also recorded. The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the federal grantee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to allow the City Manager to execute this amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations: Any agreement involving the City of Columbus requires Council approval.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to extend the MOA timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue; which is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.

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A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO), TO EXTEND THE MITIGATION TIMELINE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 2610 16TH AVENUE, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES - ELIGIBLE EXPANSION OF THE NHRP-LISTED WERACOBIA - ST. ELMO HISTORIC DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) plans to demolish 2610 16th Avenue under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is identified as the Responsible Entity (RE) and has assumed full responsibility for all HUD's environmental requirements for the Undertaking pursuant to HUD's guidance in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58; and,

WHEREAS, CCG, pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 of the regulations governing environmental review procedures for HUD, assumes the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and action that would otherwise apply to HUD; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) intend to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to extend the MOA timeline to complete the mitigation activities according to Stipulation I of the original MOA.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to extend the timeline for the mitigation activities at 2610 16th Avenue, which contributes to the National Register of Historic Places - eligible expansion of the NHRP -Listed, Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 25th day of August 2026, adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor