

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Acquisition of Property at 1546 9th Ave from Conservative Investment Inc
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to purchase 1546 th 9 th Ave Columbus, Georgia 31901 from Conservative Investment Inc. for the amount of \$80,246.90 to expand Metra Transit System services.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to purchase the property at 1546 9th Ave Columbus, Georgia 31901 from Conservative Investment Inc. for \$80,246.90 to be used to the expansion of METRA services.

Background: METRA Transit System is seeking an opportunity to further enhance campus operations and increase intermodal accessibility and/or existing transit services in Columbus with the purchase of 1546 9th Ave, Columbus, Georgia 31901, a vacant property that is adjacent to METRA’s campus.

The owner of 1546 9th Ave has agreed to sell the property to the City for \$80,246.90 and the source of funding is TIA/TSPLOST funding. Currently, the property is sitting vacant, and the proposed plan would put the property back into productive use.

If acquired, METRA would like to construct a multimodal facility dedicated to enhancing METRA’s existing services and/or connecting public transit in Columbus with other existing modes of transportation, such as intercity buses, biking, and rideshares. The location would also provide electric vehicle charging spots, encouraging EV owners to park and charge while using METRA and other transportation modes to travel around Columbus.

Analysis: The property is currently vacant with no future development plans. Since the property is adjacent to METRA’s campus, the acquisition would allow for meaningful expansion to METRA’s services.

Financial Considerations: The funding to purchase and develop the property will come from TIA/TSPLOST funds.

Legal Considerations: Any entry into a purchase and sale agreement involving City of Columbus property acquisitions requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into a sale agreement with Conservative Investment Inc. to acquire the property at 1546 9th Ave Columbus, Georgia 31901 for \$80,246.90 plus any applicable closing costs.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SALE AGREEMENT WITH CONSERVATIVE INVESTMENT INC. FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1546 9TH AVE FOR THE EXPANSION OF METRA TRANSIT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned property is owned exclusively by Conservative Investment Inc. and a contingency offer of \$80,246.90 was made and the seller has accepted;

WHEREAS, METRA Transit will use the property to expand transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the funds used to acquire and develop the property will come from TIA/TSPLOST funds.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Conservative Investment Inc. to purchase the property of 1546 9th Ave Columbus, Georgia 31901 for \$80,246.90 with TIA/TSPLOST funds for the use of METRA Transit.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2022 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, Mayor