

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Public Art MOU – Advocacy thru Art
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the approval of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State University for an Advocacy thru Arts Mural Project at 18 th Street and 5 th Avenue. The City will approve the art concept prior to the start of the project. CSU will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) and Columbus State University (“CSU”) for an Advocacy thru Arts Project.

Background: CSU is a part of the University System of Georgia, enrolling almost 8,500 students in a wide variety of degree programs. CSU desires to commission a public arts initiative to support racial justice and has requested to utilize a city wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue.

Analysis: The City’s responsibility would be to allow CSU to utilize the wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue for a public arts initiative to support racial justice. The City will approve the art concept prior to the start of the project.

CSU will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project. They will be required to provide a traffic plan of the sidewalk area and use of the right of way and any applicable permits. They are also responsible for all maintenance of the wall during the period this contract is in effect. They will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area. They will obtain waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall releasing the City and CSU from any and all claims during the term of the Agreement.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed this MOU and approved as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) and Columbus State University (“CSU”) for an Advocacy thru Arts Project.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, REQUESTING APPROVAL ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR AN ADVOCACY THRU ARTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Columbus State University (“CSU”) is the part of the University System of Georgia, enrolling almost 8,500 students in a wide variety of degree programs; and,

WHEREAS, CSU desires to commission a public arts initiative to support racial justice and has requested to utilize a city wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) agrees to allow CSU to utilize the wall located at 18th Street and 5th Avenue, which is on City property for a public arts initiative to support racial justice; and,

WHEREAS, the City shall approve the art concept prior to the start of the project; and,

WHEREAS, CSU will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of this project; and,

WHEREAS, CSU will be required to provide a traffic plan and get all necessary permits needed if any lane closure(s) are required, closure/obstruction of the sidewalk area, and use of the right of way; and,

WHEREAS, CSU is responsible for all maintenance of the wall during the period this contract is in effect, and,

WHEREAS, CSU will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area; and,

WHEREAS, CSU will obtain liability waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall releasing the City and CSU from any and all claims during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus State University and the City in accordance with the terms set forth in the form attached.

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