

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Acquisition of 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the estate of Florence H. Pendleton to purchase 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St. for \$52,000. The acquisition will allow Parks and Recreation to enhance its Ma Rainey Facility.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the estate of Florence H. Pendleton to purchase 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St., for \$52,000 plus any applicable closing costs.

Background: The Columbus Parks and Recreation Department is looking for space to enhance of the Ma Rainey Home located at 805 5th Avenue. The Ma Rainey Home is a historical Columbus landmark honoring the legendary “Mother of Blues”, Ma Rainey. The City of Columbus has identified 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St. as properties that will allow for the enhancement. 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St., are located adjacent to the Ma Rainey Home. The properties collectively appraised for \$52,000. A contingency offer of \$52,000 was made and the seller’s estate has accepted.

Analysis: The Ma Rainey Home is a historical Columbus landmark. The acquisition of 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St will allow the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department to enhance the area surrounding the Ma Rainey House in the Liberty District.

Financial Considerations: The cost of acquisition is \$52,000. Funding is available in the 1999 SPLOST Fund – Liberty District Project.

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 purchase and sale agreement with the estate of Florence H. Pendleton to purchase 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St., for \$52,000 plus any applicable closing costs.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE H. PENDLETON FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 803 5TH AVENUE, 413 8TH STREET, AND 417 8TH STREET.

WHEREAS, The Columbus Parks and Recreation department is wanting to enhance the property surrounding the Ma Rainey Home; and,

WHEREAS, The City has identified 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St., as properties that will allow for the enhancement in the Liberty District; and,

WHEREAS, A contingency offer of \$52,000 was made and the seller has accepted; and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the estate of Florence H. Pendleton to purchase 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St., for \$52,000 plus any applicable closing costs from the 1999 SPLOST Fund – Liberty District Project.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____day of September 2021 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