RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A NOTICE OF SALE, A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, THE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SALES TAX BONDS, SERIES 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, Georgia (the "Council") the governing body of Columbus, Georgia ("Columbus"), a consolidated city-county government with powers and jurisdiction throughout the territorial limits of Muscogee County (the "County"); adopted a resolution on July 27, 2021, to impose, levy, and collect a special county one percent sales and use tax (the "Special Sales Tax" or "SPLOST") for various capital outlay projects, as authorized by Article III of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (the "Act"), conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the County, voting in a referendum thereon to be held on November 2, 2021 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in the Election voted in favor of the imposition of Special Sales Tax for the raising of not more than \$400,000,000 for Judicial Facilities; Roads, Streets, and Bridge Improvements; Trails and Sidewalks; Storm Water Projects; Parks and Recreation; Golf Facilities; Public Safety; General Government Vehicles and Equipment; Technology Enhancements; Columbus Ironworks Convention and Trade Center Improvements; Civic Center Improvements; Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, such vote also constituted approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Columbus, Georgia in the maximum principal amount of \$200,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping said Judicial Facilities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, the results of the Election and the Bonds, and the security therefor, were confirmed and validated by judgment of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, on February 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, Council adopted Resolution No. 046-22 approving the issuance of its Columbus, Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022, in the aggregate principal amount of \$129,490,000 (the "Series 2022 Bonds"), which were issued and delivered on March 10, 2022, and Council reserved the right to issue the remaining principal amount of general obligation debt authorized in the Election (i.e., \$70,510,000) at a later date; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it is in the best interest of Columbus and its citizens to proceed with the issuance of a second series of general obligation debt approved at the Election by issuing its Columbus, Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$70,510,000, in accordance with a financing schedule prepared by Davenport & Company, LLC, as financial advisor to Columbus (the "Financial Advisor"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper that Council authorize and direct its officers and agents to take such actions as are necessary to assure the marketing and sale of the Series 2025 Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Finance Director, other officials of the Columbus, and Financail Advisor are authorized and directed to prepare and distribute an Official Notice of Sale to prospective purchasers and to review and accept the best bid for the purchase of the Series 2025 Bonds, subject to final acceptance and ratification by Council.
- 2. The Finance Director, Deputy City Managers, and other officials of Columbus are authorized and directed to provide such financial or other information relating to Columbus as shall be necessary in connection with the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Series 2025 Bonds, and the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem is authorized to execute the final Official Statement to be prepared in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Mayor, Deputy City Managers or Finance Director are authorized to execute and deliver a certificate to "deem final" the Preliminary Official Statement within the meaning of Securities Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12.
- 3. Gray & Pannell, LLP, is authorized to act as bond counsel and disclosure counsel for Columbus in connection with the sale and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds.
- 4. Davenport & Company, LLC, is authorized to serve as financial advisor to Columbus in connection with the sale and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds.
- 5. The Mayor, Deputy City Managers, Finance Director, Clerk of Council, City Attorney, and other proper officers and agents of Columbus are hereby authorized to take any and all further actions as may be required in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds.

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INTRODUCED at a regul	lar meeting of the Council of	Columbus, Georgia, held on August
26th, 2025, and adopted at said	meeting by the affirmative	vote of members of said
Council.		
Councilor	Anker voting Chambers voting Cogle voting Crabb voting Davis voting Garrett voting Hickey voting Huff voting	
Lindsey G. McLemore	<u> </u>	B.H. Henderson, III
Clerk of Council		Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, keeper of the records and
seal thereof, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No
approved and adopted by majority vote of said Council in public meeting assembled on
, 2025, the original of which resolution has been entered in the official records of said
political subdivision under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody and control.
I further certify that said meeting was held in conformity with the requirements of Title 50,
Chapter 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
(SEAL)
Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council