

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Proposed New Muscogee County Jail Location
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to designate city owned property at 601/602 11 th Ave. as the proposed New Jail location and issue a notice to proceed for design services only up to the current amount of the contract.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to designate city owned property at 601/602 11th Ave. as the proposed New Jail location and issue a notice to proceed for design services only up to the current amount of the contract.

Background: On August 8, 2023, City Council authorized space planning and design services for a proposed new Muscogee County Jail per Resolution No. 303-23. The design team in coordination with the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has identified City owned property at 601 & 602 11th Avenue as the most feasible location for the new Jail that meets the needs of the community and the MCSO. Prior to expending more design resources, concurrence is needed by the City Council that this location is chosen as the location of the proposed new Jail.

Analysis: The design and construction teams provided an update on the jail site selection process to City Council at the August 12, 2025, meeting.

Financial Considerations: Current funding is available to provide 50% schematic design services. Funding for future design phases and construction will have to be identified prior to additional services being rendered.

Legal Considerations: Prior to further design work, City Council must authorize the location of the proposed new Jail.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to designate city owned property at 601/602 11th Ave. as the proposed New Jail location and issue a notice to proceed for design services only up to the current amount of the contract.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN SERVICES ONLY, UP TO THE CURRENT AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT, FOR A PROPOSED 1,600 BED NEW JAIL TO BE LOCATED ON APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 601 & 602 11th AVENUE. FUTURE DESIGN PHASES SHALL NOT BEGIN UNTIL FUNDING IS IDENTIFIED AND SERVICES ARE AUTHORIZED BY CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Jail currently located at 700 10th Street includes 1,069 beds for individuals confined to the Jail including all necessary support spaces such as kitchen and laundry facilities, medical areas, and staff support areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Jail also currently houses two courtrooms that are primarily used by Recorder's Court; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of the Muscogee County Jail was built in 1983 with an addition constructed in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Jail no longer meets the needs of the community due to a lack of capacity and major facility issues; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, Georgia is considering replacement of this facility; and,

WHEREAS, City Council authorized the SLAM Collaborative to provide space planning and programming and schematic design services for the Muscogee County Jail via resolution 303-24; and,

WHEREAS, City Council authorized Gilbane Building Company to provide Construction Manager as General Contractor services for the Muscogee County Jail via resolution 304-23; and,

WHEREAS, the SLAM Collaborative and Gilbane Building Company, in coordination with the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office and other City Departments have developed options to replace the Muscogee County Jail on the existing site or a new site; and,

WHEREAS, the SLAM Collaborative and Gilbane Building Company have identified approximately 25 acres of City owned property located at 601 11th Avenue and 602 11th Avenue as the proposed location of a new Jail that best meets the needs of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office.

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

The City Council authorizes the Mayor or his designee to issue a Notice to Proceed to the SLAM Collaborative and Gilbane Building Company for schematic design services only, up to the current amount of the contract, for a proposed 1,600 bed new Jail to be located on

approximately 25 acres of City owned property at 601 & 602 11th Avenue. Services provided shall not exceed the amount of funding currently allocated for these services. Future design phases shall not begin until funding is identified and authorization provided by City Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor