

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Public Art MOU – 14th Street Roundabout
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and WCB Hospitality, LLC for a Public Arts Project at 14 th Street Roundabout. The City will approve the art plans and design prior to the start of the project. WCB 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 WCB Hospitality, LLC (“WCB”) for a Public Arts Project at the 14th Street Roundabout.

Background: WCB owns the hotel operating under the brand name “Hotel Indigo” located at 21 W. 14th Street and desires to enhance the center of the 14th Street Roundabout by adding public art and additional hardscape and landscape. The Hotel Indigo is approximately \$30 million, 7-story hotel expected to open by the end of 2020 and is adjacent to the 14th Street Roundabout.

Analysis: The City’s responsibility would be to allow WCB to utilize the center of the 14th Street roundabout for a public arts initiative. The City will approve the art plans and design prior to the start of the project.

WCB 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 artwork 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 artwork releasing the City and WCB 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 WCB Hospitality, LLC (“WCB”) for a Public Arts Project at the 14th Street Roundabout.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, REQUESTING APPROVAL ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (THE “CITY”) AND WCB HOSPITALITY, LLC (“WCB”) FOR A PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, WCB owns the hotel operating under the brand name “Hotel Indigo” located at 21 W. 14th Street; and,

WHEREAS, Hotel Indigo is approximately \$30 million, 7-story hotel adjacent to the 14th Street Roundabout; and,

WHEREAS, the City agrees to allow WCB to utilize the center of the 14th Street Roundabout, which is on City property, for a public arts initiative; and,

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, WCB will obtain liability waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall releasing the City and WCB 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 WCB Hospitality, LLC 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