

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Standing Boy Preserve Management Agreement Amendment
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute an amendment to the Management Agreement with Standing Boy, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of a viewing tower at the Standing Boy Preserve.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute an amendment to the Management Agreement (MA) with Standing Boy, Inc. (SBI) for the construction and maintenance of a viewing tower at the Standing Boy Preserve.

Background: The Standing Boy Preserve, located along the river in northwest Columbus, is 1600 acres of relatively unused property owned by the State of Georgia since 2000. It has operated as a Wildlife Management Area. The mission is to keep the preserve in its natural state. SBI is a nonprofit organization that desires to construct a trail network on the preserve and has been under construction. Per Resolution No. 297-22, the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and a Management Agreement with Standing Boy, Inc. for the use and operation of the Standing Boy Preserve.

Analysis: SBI has raised private funding totaling almost \$2.5 million to construct 25 miles of multi-use trails, 5 miles of biking only trails and 6 miles of hiking only trails. The CCG will provide public safety support as done in all areas of the city and support SBI with any grant opportunities that are available. SBI desires to construct a viewing tower at their expense.

Financial Considerations: SBI will provide all financial resources for the construction and maintenance of the viewing tower. No funding is required by the city.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed the amendment to the Management Agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute an amendment to the Management Agreement (MA) with Standing Boy, Inc. (SBI) for the construction and maintenance of a viewing tower at the Standing Boy Preserve.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STANDING BOY, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VIEWING TOWER AT THE STANDING BOY PRESERVE.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia owns 1600 on the river in northwest Columbus under the oversight of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and,

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. 297-22, the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the use and operation of the Standing Boy Preserve; and,

WHEREAS, also pursuant to Resolution No. 297-22, CCG entered into a management agreement with Standing Boy, Inc. (SBI), a nonprofit organization, to construct a biking and hiking trail network and utilize the property in its natural state; and,

WHEREAS, SBI desires to construct and maintain a viewing tower on the preserve at their expense to further develop the quality of life and provide an additional amenity for the biking and hiking trail network to better serve the community.

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

To authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute an amendment to the Management Agreement with Standing Boy, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of a viewing tower on the Standing Boy Preserve and any necessary documents related to the viewing tower.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 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

STANDING BOY TOWER

SPECIFICATIONS

- A 2-level observation tower built on poles with the top height of the tower being 58'9"
- Level 1 is 20' and Level 2 is 40' above the ground surface
- Accessible via stairs
- Decks have a footprint of approx 20'x20'
- Shed roof of approx 30'x30'

