

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Real Estate Agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. for the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas House to 815 5th Ave.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. for the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas House to 5th Ave.

Background: The city owns property located at 815 5th Ave. The Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. (HCF) has acquired the Alma Thomas House and desires to relocate and restore the House to city property in the Liberty Heritage District.

Analysis: HCF will provide the funding required for this project to acquire, relocate, and restore the Alma Thomas House to 815 5th Ave. Once completed, the city will accept ownership, operate the house as a museum, and provide general maintenance. HCF will prepare and maintain the exhibits and educational materials.

Financial Considerations: HCF will be responsible for the acquisition, relocation, and restoration of the house as well as the exhibits. The city will operate the museum once it is completed.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the Real Estate Agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to enter into a Real Estate Agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. for the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas House to 815 5th Ave.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HISTORIC COLUMBUS FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE RELOCATION AND RESTORATION OF THE ALMA THOMAS HOUSE TO 815 5TH AVENUE IN THE LIBERTY HERITAGE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the city owns 815 5th Ave.; and,

WHEREAS, Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. (HCF) has acquired the Alma Thomas House and is offering to relocate the house to 815 5th Ave. and restore the house as a museum; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of the acquisition, relocation, and restoration of the house will be the sole responsibility of HCF; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion of the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas House, HCF will transfer the house to the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) to be operated as a museum; and,

WHEREAS, HCF will prepare and maintain the exhibits for the museum; and,

WHEREAS, CCG will provide general maintenance for the property and operate the museum.

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

The Mayor or his designee is authorized to enter into a Real Estate Agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. for the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas House to 815 5th Ave.; and to execute any necessary deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this project.

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, Mayor