

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Abandonment of The Western Portion Of An Alley Known As 351/2 Street
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the abandonment of the western portion of an alley know as 35 ½ Street and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed for all rights, title and interest the City may have in the alleyway to NeighborWorks Columbus.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to officially close and abandon a portion of the alleyway referred to as 35 ½ Street that runs approximately 150 west of 4th Avenue; authorize the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes.

Background: NeighborWorks Columbus is requesting the City abandon and Quit Claim any interest in the 9.30 ft alley that is referred to as 35-1/2 Street. They are requesting approximately 150 ft of the alley west of 4th Avenue be abandoned. The Columbus Housing Initiative d.b.a. NeighborWorks owns both sides of the alleyway.

Analysis: The abandonment is needed in order to combine the alleyway with adjacent residential lots for redevelopment. Coordination is underway with public utilities to verify the existence of any utilities that may exist. An easement will be reserved as part of the Quit Claim Deed for any utilities known or unknown.

Financial Considerations: NeighborWorks will be responsible for reimbursement of all cost associated with the abandonment and property transfer.

Legal Considerations: Council must approve the abandonment and the execution of a Quit Claim Deed.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to officially close and abandon a portion of the alleyway referred to as 35 ½ Street that runs approximately 150 west of 4th Avenue; authorize the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed ; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHANGING OF THE OFFICIAL STREET MAP AND TAX MAPS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA BY OFFICIALLY CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEGMENT OF THE ALLEY KNOWN AS 35 ½ STREET WEST OF 4TH AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED; RESERVING UTILITY EASEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, NeighborWorks Columbus has submitted a request to officially close and abandon an approximately 150 ft section of the 9.3 ft alleyway known as 35 ½ Street; and,

WHEREAS, NeighborWorks owns lots adjacent to the alley and is requesting to incorporate the alley as part of a redevelopment plan of the area; and,

WHEREAS, utility easements will be reserved for all known and unknown utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has no present or future use of said alley; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Engineering has determined the alley is not critical to traffic flow in the area.

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

SECTION I.

The “Official Street Map, Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia “maintained in accordance with 18.1 of the Columbus Code and appropriate Tax Map are hereby amended by the deleting the following property:

A PORTION OF 35-1/2TH STREET LOCATED IN BLOCK “20” OF NORTH HIGHLAND LAND IMPROVEMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY PROPERTY, CONTAINING 0.03 ACRES (1,393 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 38TH STREET WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 4TH AVENUE, THENCE LEAVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 38TH STREET FOLLOWING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 4TH AVENUE SOUTH 03°09’41” WEST A DISTANCE OF 363.14 FEET TO AN IRON AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 4TH AVENUE WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 35-1/2TH STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CROSSING SAID 35-1/2TH STREET SOUTH 03°09’54” WEST A DISTANCE OF 9.30 FEET TO AN IRON AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 4TH AVENUE WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 35-1/2TH STREET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 4TH AVENUE FOLLOWING SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 35-1/2TH STREET NORTH 86°56’09” WEST A DISTANCE OF 150.01 FEET TO AN IRON; THENCE CROSSING SAID

35-1/2TH STREET NORTH 05°53'17" EAST A DISTANCE OF 9.31 FEET TO AN IRON ON THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 35-1/2TH STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 35-1/2TH STREET SOUTH 86°56'09" EAST A DISTANCE OF 149.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

A copy of the property boundary sketch entitled 35-1/2 Street Acquisition showing the above described property is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit "A".

SECTION II.

That the Council finds the portion of 35 1/2 Street alley described in Section I. above no longer serves a substantial public purpose. This abandonment is hereby declared to be in the best public interest. Accordingly, said portion of alley is hereby declared abandoned and removed from the Official Street Map of Columbus, Georgia in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2(c). The City Manager is hereby authorized by the Council of Columbus to execute said Quit Claim Deed for said portion of alley.

SECTION III.

All existing utility easements known and unknown in the alley shall be reserved.

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 _____ 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