

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Gateway Foundation Agreement
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

Background: Resolution 298-10 authorized the construction of the bridge structure façade and landscape enhancements at the interchange which is the entrance to Fort Moore formerly known as Fort Benning Military Installation.

Analysis: Gateway Foundation partnered with the City on the original project. Permits will need to be obtained from GDOT in order to work over the highway to change the letters.

Financial Considerations: Gateway Foundation is paying for the installation of the letters.

Legal Considerations: The City will have to execute the necessary permits from GDOT.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY FOUNDATION FOR CHANGING OF THE LETTERS DISPLAYED ON THE GATEWAY STRUCTURE AT THE FORT MOORE INTERCHANGE.

WHEREAS, Resolution No 298-10 authorized the construction of a bridge structure façade and landscape enhancement project at I-185 and the entrance to the Fort Benning Military Base; and,

WHEREAS, the structure is over the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right of way and requires a permit to work on the structure over the highway; and,

WHEREAS, the name of the military installation formerly known as Fort Benning was changed to Fort Moore in May 2023 and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Consolidated Government and Fort Moore Military Base desire to have the Fort Benning letters changed to the new name of Fort Moore prior to July 10th.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation and have the letters changed accordingly prior to July 10th.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024, and adopted at the said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Begly voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- District 1 voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor