

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to carry out demolition of 2610 16th Avenue
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Columbus Consolidated Government, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to carry out demolition of 2610 16th Avenue; which is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District. The City Manager's signature is required because the Columbus Consolidated Government is the federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dollars.

Background: An MOA will be executed, pending City Council approval by and between the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office to carry out demolition of 2610 16th Avenue. The State of Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) found that 2610 16th Avenue is contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible expansion of the NRHP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District. Additionally, HPD found that the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue is within the proposed project's area of potential effect (APE). Additionally, the undertaking's area of potential effects impacts surrounding properties with a view of the house. Prior to demolishing this structure, a MOA is needed authorizing the demolition. The city has conducted a Historic Resources Survey prior to demolition. Digital photographs of the building(s) located at 2610 16th Avenue were taken including views of the exterior and interior and structural or decorative detailing such as roof, mantels, interior molding, exterior woodwork, and structural systems on the underside of the building. Digital photographs showing the overall complex and its setting were also recorded. The City Manager's signature is required because the Columbus Consolidated Government is the federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dollars.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to allow the City Manager to execute this memorandum of agreement.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations: Execution of this Agreement requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to carry out demolition of 2610 16th Avenue.

RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO), TO DEMOLISH 2610 16TH AVENUE, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES - ELIGIBLE EXPANSION OF THE NHRP-LISTED WERACOBA - ST. ELMO HISTORIC DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) plans to fund and Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) plans to carry out the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is identified as the Responsible Entity (RE) and has assumed the full responsibility for all HUD's environmental requirements for the Undertaking pursuant to HUD's guidance in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58; and

WHEREAS, CCG, pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 of the regulations governing environmental review procedures for HUD, assumes the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and action that would otherwise apply to HUD; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) intend to execute a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to carry out demolition of 2610 16th Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the memorandum of agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) to demolish 2610 16th Avenue, which contributes to the National Register of Historic Places - eligible expansion of the NHRP - Listed, Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of August 2021 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, III, Mayor