

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Intergovernmental Agreement between the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Development Authority</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for an Intergovernmental Agreement between Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Development Authority.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for an Intergovernmental Agreement between Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Development Authority.

**Background:** Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (“CVB”) was established by Ordinance No. 80-51 to promote tourism, trade and conventions for the benefit of Columbus citizens and members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and Council of Columbus.

The Development Authority (“DA”) was established by ordinance No 72-76 to develop and promote for the public goods and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in the City of Columbus and members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Council of Columbus.

**Analysis:** The CVB desires to borrow certain funds from the DA and Columbus in order to sustain the operations of the CVB as a result of the declining Hotel/Motel Excise Taxes during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The CVB has reduced their annual budget by 34.87% in response to these declining revenues.

**Financial Considerations:** The DA is funded by an Economic Development millage of .50 mills, .25 mills is a direct allocation to the DA and .25 is maintained by Columbus. Columbus has allocated \$350,000 in the FY21 Budget to provide to the DA, out of the .25 mills maintained by Columbus, to supplement funding to the CVB. The monthly supplement shall be limited to the amount excise taxes received fall short of \$125,000. The maximum amount for the loan during FY21 is \$350,000 and will be repaid over a 36-month period, beginning July 1, 2021.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney’s Office has reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for an Intergovernmental Agreement between Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Development Authority.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, REQUESTING  
APPROVAL FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, THE COLUMBUS  
CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AND THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus is a consolidated city-county government existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, and Bureau is a branch of Columbus created by ordinance and administered by its Board of Commissioners (“Board”); and,

**WHEREAS**, CVB was established by Ordinance No. 80-51 to promote tourism, trade and conventions for the benefit of Columbus citizens and members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and Council of Columbus; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DA was established by Ordinance No. 72-76 to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in the City of Columbus and members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Council of Columbus; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CVB desires to borrow certain funds from the DA and Columbus in order to sustain the operations of the CVB as a result of the declining Hotel/Motel Excise Taxes during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CVB has reduced their annual budget by 34.87% in response to these declining revenues; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DA and Columbus wish to assist CVB with terms and conditions set forth in this Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ June 2020 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 Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor