

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Purchase of 5212 Ray Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31904
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the purchase of 5212 Ray Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31904 in the amount of \$140,000 for damage to the home after the collapse of a sewage and storm drainpipe.
INITIATED BY:	Risk Management

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the purchase of 5212 Ray Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31904 for damage to the home after the collapse of a sewage and storm drainpipe.

Background: On August 24, 2021 Council approved authority of up to \$140,000 for the purchase of this address. After negotiations it was established that this purchase price represents the mid-range of comparable properties in the area. The settlement will also include a full and final release of all claims, and Ms. Norwood must immediately vacate the property.

Analysis: The home, which was built over 10 years after the installation of the collapsed pipes, was unknowingly built on top of those pipes. As the home settled, the sewage and storm drainpipes became crushed and collapsed causing drainage issues. The location of the collapsed pipes close to the property line makes it impossible to reroute the pipes without causing further damage to 5212 Ray Drive and potentially damage to the neighbor's property.

Financial Considerations: Purchase price for settlement is \$140,000. This is approximately mid-range for the purchase prices of comparable properties in the area.

Legal Considerations: Ms. Norwood is responsible for her own attorney fees. Purchase price is for the home only.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to purchase the property in exchange for a full and final release of all claims.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5212 RAY DRIVE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31904 TO INCLUDE ALL DAMAGE CLAIMS OF MARY LOU NORWOOD.

WHEREAS, Claimant Mary Lou Norwood has filed a claim for damages based on ongoing property damage to her home at 5212 Ray Drive, Columbus, GA 31904; and,

WHEREAS, Risk Management and the City Attorney’s office have investigated this claim and recommend a settlement of \$140,000.00 in exchange for a full and final release of all claims.

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

We hereby authorize the City Manager, City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director, and their representatives to make payment of \$140,000.00 to settle all damage claims of Mary Lou Norwood and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 22nd day of March 2022 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, III, Mayor