

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	PUBLIC WORKS REACCREDITATION WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to formally acknowledge the Department of Public Works for their efforts of maintaining a high level of professionalism and industry approved best management practices through and by achieving their international accreditation with the American Public Works Association (APWA)
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to formally acknowledge the Department of Public Works for their efforts of maintaining a high level of professionalism and industry approved best management practices through and by achieving their international accreditation with the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Background: The American Public Works Association (APWA) has developed a national accreditation program that provides a means of formally verifying and recognizing Public Works agencies for compliance with the best business practices set forth by the APWA Council.

Analysis: The ability to obtain APWA Accreditation is one that many try to obtain but have not achieved. Obtaining this accreditation enables the Department of Public Work the ability to ensure the best practices are enforced, policies and procedures are current, and liabilities are reduced.

Financial Considerations: None

Legal Considerations: None – having the opportunity to apply for and achieve this accreditation is provided to those members of the APWA.

Recommendation/Action: Acknowledgement of the re-accreditation of the Department of Public Works and the untiring efforts of staff to go through this arduous process to ensure re-accreditation was achieved.

**RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THEIR EFFORTS OF MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND INDUSTRY APPROVED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THROUGH ACCREDITATION WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA).

WHEREAS, Public Works agencies continually strive to be efficient and effective by providing the highest quality of services to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Works Association (APWA) has developed a national accreditation program that provides a means of formally verifying and recognizing Public Works agencies for compliance with the best business practices set forth by the APWA Council; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this program is to create impetus for organizational self-improvement and stimulate a general raising of standards; offer a voluntary evaluation and educational program rather than government-regulated activity; improve public works performance and the provision of services; increase professionalism; and to instill pride among agency staff, elected officials, and the local community; and

WHEREAS, The process for a public works agency to reach full accreditation is very arduous, intrusive, and time-consuming; this tremendous undertaking has only seen three other agencies in Georgia become accredited in more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, On August 20, 2018, the Columbus Consolidated Government’s Department of Public Works was recognized as the 146th International Public Works agency to be accredited and on August 20, 2022, the department was able to achieve reaccreditation; and

WHEREAS, The committed efforts and diligent work of all it’s employees and senior staff has proven that the Department of Public Works is recognized as being in the top 1% of all public works agencies within North America.

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

We commend and recognize the Department of Public Works on its International Accreditation and acknowledge that the Columbus, Georgia’s Department of Public Works was Accredited on August 20, 2018, making it the 146th agency in the United States and only 1 of 4 cities in the State of Georgia to achieve this accreditation, and on August 20, 2022, it achieved its reaccreditation and will continue to go through this process every four years to maintain accreditation.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 13th day of December 2022, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of 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