

## **AN ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NON-OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH BUDGET.

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### **THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **SECTION 1.**

The non-operating budgets for FY26 are proposed in the amount set forth in each section and as outlined in the following sections of the ordinance.

#### **SECTION 2.**

The Urban Development Action Grant Fund proposed in the amount of \$15,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for activities under the grant program.

#### **SECTION 3.**

The HOME Program Fund proposed in the amount of \$4,018,227 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for purposes related to the Home Investment Partnership Program.

#### **SECTION 4.**

The Multi-Governmental Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$7,446,062 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund programs from various state and federal agencies.

#### **SECTION 5.**

The American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$15,412,226 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the

Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for monies received from the Federal and State government.

#### SECTION 6.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund proposed in the amount of \$6,700,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide funding for CCVB and programs and activities identified in the Master Tourism Plan.

#### SECTION 7.

The Police Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for monies received from federal and state forfeitures.

#### SECTION 8.

The County Drug Abuse Treatment Fund proposed in the amount of \$170,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of drug abuse treatment and education programs related to controlled substances and marijuana.

#### SECTION 9.

The VICE/Special Operations Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide law enforcement activities.

#### SECTION 10.

The Penalty and Assessment Fund proposed in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the operation and staffing of correctional, detention and jail facilities.

#### SECTION 11.

The Sheriff Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government

of Columbus, Georgia, for monies received from federal and state forfeitures.

#### SECTION 12.

The Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$70,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 51 tax parcels and 299 acres located within the confines of the Southeast Columbus Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 13.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$700,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 599 tax parcels and 296 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 14.

The Uptown District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$3,400,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the Uptown Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 389 tax parcels and 194 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 15.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/City Village Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$800,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/City Village Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 990 tax parcels and 371 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 16.

The MidTown West Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the MidTown West Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 942 tax parcels and 325.1 acres located within the boundaries of the MidTown Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 17.

The MidTown East Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$170,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the MidTown East Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 61 tax parcels and 92.9 acres located within the boundaries of the MidTown Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 18.

The Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$590,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes whose designated boundaries includes five (5) tax parcels and approximately 289 acres located within the boundaries of the Midland Commons Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 19.

The South Columbus River District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$55,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes whose designated boundaries includes six (6) tax parcels and approximately 212 acres located within the boundaries of the South Columbus River District Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 20.

The Law Library Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for certain fees received from the various courts of the

Government. The resources are restricted by state law for support of the Law Library.

#### SECTION 21.

The Local Government's Share of Opioid Settlement Payments Fund proposed in the amount of \$350,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for programs, services, and equipment used towards the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction and related disorders; providing resources to law enforcement agencies to address the opioid crisis; increasing the number of professionals who provide treatment for opioid addiction; educating medical professionals regarding the safe and effective prescribing of, and then tapering off of, opioids; and treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder in incarcerated populations.

#### SECTION 22.

The 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Fund proposed in the amount of \$49,000,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for the monies received from the 2021 special purpose local option sales tax.

#### SECTION 23.

The Special (Capital) Projects Fund proposed in the amount of \$25,334,007 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund activities supported by the General, Stormwater (Sewer), Paving funds.

#### SECTION 24.

The Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Fund proposed in the amount of \$112,550,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund activities supported by the TSPLOST project and discretionary funds.

#### SECTION 25.

The 1999 Sales Tax Proceeds Account Project Fund proposed in the amount of \$4,460,155 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects supported by the 1999 sales tax.

#### SECTION 26.

The Columbus Building Authority Revenue Bonds, 2003A Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$250,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, such as storm water enhancements.

#### SECTION 27.

The Columbus Building Authority Revenue Bonds, 2003B Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$5,073,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for the projects of the 2003 taxable lease revenue bonds for the construction of a parking garage.

#### SECTION 28.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2018 Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$130,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2018 lease revenue bond for construction and equipping of life safety improvements at the Government Center, renovation of the South Commons Softball Park, and to conduct a needs assessment study for a new Judicial and Government Center.

#### SECTION 29.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2022A Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$3,218,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2022A lease revenue bond for the acquisition of approximately 3.5932 acres of land in downtown Columbus, together with buildings, a parking deck and related facilities thereon lactated, and the renovation and improvement of such buildings, structures, and related facilities for use by Columbus in the performance of its governmental, administrative, and proprietary functions.

#### SECTION 30.

The 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Project Fund proposed in the amount of \$75,881,469 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the

Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund projects supported by the 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Account including Road projects and acquisition, construction and equipping of various Capital projects.

SECTION 31.

The G.O. Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022 Fund proposed in the amount of \$116,300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for proceeds from the 2022 G.O. sales tax bonds for acquiring, constructing, and equipping of new judicial facilities.

SECTION 33.

The Family and Youth Coalition Fund proposed in the amount of \$52,500 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for monies received from the state of Georgia for Family, Youth and Coalition services.

SECTION 34.

Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager, to affect such intra-fund transfers of appropriation and revenue anticipation as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein. The funds contained in this Ordinance may be increased or decreased without immediate Council approval but will be submitted to Council in periodic adjustments. Authority is extended to the City Manager, or the Finance Director on the authority delegated by the City Manager to affect any carryovers necessary for the continued operation of any of the non-operating funds.

SECTION 35.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.

Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor