

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Adoption of the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to approve the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan as submitted by Neil Clark of Hecht Burdeshaw, Inc.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to approve the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan as submitted by Neil Clark of Hecht Burdeshaw, Inc.

**Background:** The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) hired JRS Architects and KPS Group to create a master plan for the Liberty District (the District) in 2002. After a year and a half of meetings with staff, stakeholders, and citizens, Council adopted the Plan in 2004. The Plan served as a broad blueprint for what the Liberty District could be in the future.

In 2023, CCG contracted with Hecht Burdeshaw to master plan properties owned by the city. The intent was to move forward with potential private development of city properties which would coincide with the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue TIA project and the rehabilitation of the Liberty Theater. After 3 public meetings, one-on-one interviews with stakeholders, numerous meetings with churches and other organizations within the District, the Plan evolved, and a consensus was created to move the Plan forward for Council adoption.

**Analysis:** The adoption of this Plan will provide the CCG with a guide to see development in the Liberty District and entice developers to invest in the District.

**Financial Considerations:** The Plan was funded by 1999 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funds.

**Legal Considerations:** No legal considerations.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to approve the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan as submitted by Neil Clark of Hecht Burdeshaw, Inc.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS TO APPROVE THE 2025 LIBERTY DISTRICT MASTER PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government hired Hecht Burdeshaw to master plan city-owned properties in the Liberty District to entice potential development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan was started in 2023 and has undergone numerous iterations based on feedback from public meetings, interviews, private organizational and religious entity meetings and stakeholder input; and,

**WHEREAS**, the final 2025 Liberty District Master Plan was presented to Columbus Council on May 27, 2025 with community support.

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

That the Columbus Council hereby adopts the 2025 Liberty District Master Plan as presented by Hecht Burdeshaw.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 McLemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor