

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Acquisition of Property for Fire/EMS Department Administration – Revision
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway.

Background: On May 28, 2024, the City Council approved the execution of a Purchase and Sales Agreement for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway by Resolution No. 179-24. The resolution included a caveat to the agreement to remove the easement from the parcel. During the negotiation of the agreement, the City and Georgia Power agreed to relocate the easement at the time a fire station was constructed on the property adjacent to the Administration Building.

The Fire & EMS Department’s Administration is currently housed in the Public Safety Building located at 510 10th Street. The Fire & EMS Department is currently utilizing a vacant school building owned by the Muscogee County School District located at 3900 Baker Plaza Drive for paramedic training. The Fire & EMS Department would be able to consolidate the administration and training operations into one location and provide a permanent classroom training facility.

Analysis: The parcel located at 1112 Veterans Parkway is 2.52 acres and includes 22,706 square feet of office space. This location will also secure property to replace Fire Station #1 in the future. The easement would be relocated once the exact location of the future fire station is determined.

Financial Considerations: The purchase price was negotiated at \$3,500,000 to be funded with OLOST Public Safety reserves along with any closing and associated costs and necessary renovations. Based on the current pricing and the anticipated power usage at the site, there would be no cost for the relocation.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION A PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 2.52 ACRES LOCATED AT 1112 VETERANS PARKWAY TO HOUSE THE FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT’S ADMINISTRATION AND RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 179-24.

WHEREAS, the Fire & EMS Department’s Administration is currently housed in the Public Safety Building; and,

WHEREAS, the paramedic training is currently conducted in a vacant school building owned by the Muscogee County School District; and,

WHEREAS, Fire Station #1 located at 205 10th Street was constructed in 1970, does not provide the necessary configuration for best practice, and will need to be replaced in the future; and,

WHEREAS, an existing building located at 1112 Veterans Parkway was available and meets the requirements of the Fire & EMS Department’s needs and secures property for the relocation of Fire Station #1 in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase price has been negotiated at \$3,500,000 to acquire the building on 2.52 acres; and,

WHEREAS, the current pricing and anticipated power usage for the future fire station will allow for the relocation of the easement.

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

To authorize the City Manager to enter into the Purchase and Sales Agreement in the amount of \$3,500,000 plus any applicable closing, associated costs and necessary renovations for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway to house the Fire & EMS Department’s Administration. Funds available from OLOST Public Safety Reserves.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor