

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Lease Agreement – 921 5th Avenue – First African Baptist Church Parking Lot
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5 th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment & Real Estate Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901

Background: The City seeks to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to provide an additional parking lot for the church. The parking lot at 921 5th Avenue was previously used for city staff parking at the Government Annex Building, 420 10th Street. The church, which once owned property at the current location of the Public Safety Building parking garage, is currently unable to utilize the parking garage for church parking. To remedy this issue, the City has offered to lease space at 921 5th Avenue for the sum of \$1/year. The initial term will be five (5) years with two additional five (5) year renewal terms.



921 5th Avenue, parcel ID# 019 014 002

Source: Columbus, GA Tax Assessor

Analysis: The proposed use will provide a benefit to the lessee at no cost to the City.

Financial Considerations: The City will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per year. Leasing the parking lot is not anticipated to create future costs for the City. First African Baptist Church is responsible for maintaining and repairing the landscaping and improvements of the parking lot. First African Baptist Church will keep the premises in good condition at its sole expense.

Legal Considerations: The lease agreement was approved by the City Attorney's Office.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901

RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH TO LEASE A PARKING LOT AT 921 5TH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901

WHEREAS, the City owns the property located at 921 5th Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, First African Baptist Church is willing to enter into a lease agreement with the City for the parking lot located at 921 5th Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, First African Baptist Church agrees to maintain the landscaping, make repairs and keep the property in good condition at its sole expense; and,

WHEREAS, The City will lease the parking lot at a rate of \$1.00 per year for an initial term of five (5) years, with two renewal terms of five (5) years each.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with First African Baptist Church to lease the parking lot at 921 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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