Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors 27 th Street- Closure and Abandonment	
AGENDA SUBJECT:		
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for closure and abandonment of a segment of 27 th Street beginning at the west right-of-way of 4 th Avenue and running in a westwardly direction for a distance of approximately 200 ft.; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes. Helms Brother Body Shop currently owns property at 2700 4 th Avenue, 2622 4 th Avenue and 414 27 th Street which is north and south of the unimproved right-of-way. Helms Brothers Body Shop desires to replat the property into one parcel.	
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering	

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning a segment of 27th Street beginning at the west right-of-way of 4th Avenue and running in westwardly direction for a distance of approximately 200 ft. more particularly described on "Survey of 27th Street between 4th Avenue and Railroad"; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes.

Background: Helms Brother Body Shop currently owns property at 2700 4th Avenue, 2622 4th Avenue and 414 27th Street which is north and south of the unimproved right-of-way. Helms Brothers Body Shop desires to replat the property into one parcel.

<u>Analysis:</u> The property in its current layout serves no purpose for this business. The owners have someone interested in the property if the right-of-way can be abandoned and parcels replatted into one lot.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

<u>Legal Considerations:</u> Council approval is required to close and abandon public streets.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning a segment of 27th Street beginning at the west right-of-way of 4th Avenue and running in westwardly direction for a distance of approximately 200 ft. more particularly described on "Survey of 27th Street between 4th Avenue and Railroad"; authorize the disposal

of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHANGING OF THE OFFICIAL STREET MAP AND TAX MAP OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA BY OFFICIALLY CLOSING AND ABANDONING A SEGMENT OF 27TH STREET RIGHT OF WAY BEGINNING AT THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 4th AVENUE AND RUNNING IN WESTWARDLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 200 FT., MEASURED ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID STREET,; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW; RESERVING UTILITY EASEMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a remnant portion of 27th Street lies between properties owned by Helms Brothers Body shop; and,

WHEREAS, the owners have someone interested in the property if the right- of- way was abandoned; and,

WHEREAS; the property could be re-platted into a single lot with potential for development; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Engineering has determined the Street Segment is not critical to traffic flow in the area.

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

SECTION I.

The "Official Street Map, Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia "maintained in accordance with 18.1 of the Columbus Code and appropriate Tax Map are hereby amended by the deleting the following property from said maps:

"All that tract or parcel of land being 27th Street, between 4th Avenue and Railroad, lying in Part of the J. K. and J. Lee Harris Survey of the Anthony Cook Place, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron stake marking the intersection of the southerly line of 28th Street and the easterly line of 4th Avenue; thence South 01 degree 51 minutes 27 seconds East, along the easterly line of 4th Avenue, 252.80 feet to an iron stake marking the intersection of the easterly line of 4th Avenue and the northerly line of 27th Street and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 82 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, along the northerly line of 27th Street, 199.68 feet to an iron stake at the terminus of 27th Street; thence South 01 degree 44 minutes 36 seconds West, 42.29 feet to an iron stake on the southerly line of 27th Street; thence South 84 degrees 11 minutes 49 Seconds West, along

the southerly line of 27th Street, 198.72 feet to an iron stake on the easterly line of 4th Avenue; thence North 01 degree 11 minutes 39 seconds East, along the easterly line of 4th Avenue, 38.01 feet to an iron stake and the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.18 acres."

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

Said property is shown as highlighted parcel on map attached to this Resolution as "Exhibit A".

SECTION II.

That the Council finds that the segment of right of way described in Section I above no longer serves a substantial public purpose. This abandonment is hereby declared to be in the best public interest. Accordingly, said segment is hereby declared abandoned and removed from the Official Street Map of Columbus Georgia in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2(c). The City Manager is authorized to transfer the property to the adjacent property owner in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-4 if determined its necessary and in the best interest of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia.

SECTION III.

All existing utility easements in the Street Segment shall be reserved.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the of January 28, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said		
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 Thompson voting		
Councilor Woodson voting		

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council	B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor