

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Termination of Existing Tax Abatement for BD&amp;K Foods, Inc. / Enter a New Tax Abatement Agreement with Chairman Foods, LLC.</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to terminate the 2015 Enterprise Zone tax abatement agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and BD&K Foods, Inc. and enter a new tax abatement agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chairman Foods, LLC.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to terminate the 2015 Enterprise Zone tax abatement granted BD&K Foods, Inc. by this Council in Resolution No.318-15 and approve a new Economic Development Incentives Commitment Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chairman Foods, LLC to become effective for 10 years beginning with the 2021 tax year.

**Background:** In November 2015, Columbus Council approved an Enterprise Zone application from BD&K Foods Inc. (Resolution 318-15). BD&K Foods has been purchased by Chairman Foods, LLC, which wishes to nullify the existing tax abatement agreement and enter into a new tax abatement agreement.

**Analysis:** A new resolution needs to be adopted authorizing the City Manager to sign the Economic Development Incentives Commitment Agreement to enter into a new tax abatement period. Upon approval of the new abatement agreement, Chairman Food will sign and a Termination Agreement waiving it rights to any tax abatements left for the remaining years of the current tax abatement.

**Financial Considerations:** Chairman Foods, LLC is requesting a new tax abatement agreement because it proposes to expand, renovate and make certain improvements to the Facility, to acquire and install machinery, equipment and other personal property in connection with a food manufacturing and distribution operation, with a new capital investment of \$13,000,000, and the creation of 25 new and additional full time jobs (in addition to the 85 current jobs).

**Legal Considerations:** Council must accept the termination of the existing agreement and approve the adoption of the new agreement.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the attached Resolution approving the execution of the new Economic Development Incentives Commitment Agreement and accepting the termination of the existing tax abatement agreement at the end of the 2020 tax year.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2020 TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND CHAIRMAN FOODS, LLC. AND ACCEPTING THE TERMINATION OF THE 2015 TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND BD&K FOODS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, BD&K Food, Inc. received property tax abatements beginning in 2015 under the policies of the Columbus Enterprise Zone in accordance with the terms and conditions set for in Resolution 318-15 adopted by the Columbus Council on November 10, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Foods, LLC purchased BD&K Foods, Inc. and wishes to terminate the existing agreement and enter into a new agreement with the Columbus Consolidated Government; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Foods, LLC is requesting a new tax abatement of up to ten (10) years because it proposes to expand, renovate and make certain improvements to the Facility, to acquire and install machinery, equipment and other personal property in connection with a food manufacturing and distribution operation, with a new capital investment of \$13,000,000, and the creation of 25 new and additional full time jobs; and,

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

1. A new ten (10) year tax abatement for Chairman Foods, LLC to become effective for the 2021 tax year is hereby approved by this Council. The terms and conditions of the abatement are set forth in the Economic Development Incentives Commitment Agreement (“the Tax Abatement Agreement”) attached hereto;
2. Contemporaneous with the execution of the Agreement, Chairman Foods, LLC shall deliver and the Consolidated Government shall accept a Termination Agreement waiving any further rights under the existing tax abatement granted to BD&K Foods in 2015; and
3. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement in substantially the form attached.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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