

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Lease Agreement – Fox Community Center: 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904 –U-Grow Inc.</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with U-Grow Inc. to lease space at the Fox Community Center located at 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904. The Columbus Consolidated Government will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, being a sum of \$3.00 prior to the commencement of the initial lease and subsequent renewals.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease for 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904 with U-Grow Inc. Columbus Consolidated Government will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, being a sum of \$3.00 prior to the commencement of the initial lease and subsequent renewals.

**Background:** The City of Columbus was approached by a nonprofit, U-Grow Inc., about the potential of leasing space in a city owned property (Fox Community Center) 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904. The property’s current use is a Community Center. U-Grow Inc. is preparing to launch a Shared Kitchen Project. The shared kitchen space at the Fox Community Center is part of U-Grow Inc.’s overall business model to create economic growth through providing a state certified space for cottage food industries, developing, and growing their food-based businesses. The project also has an education component through a 6-week Cooking Matters SNAP-ED curriculum for children, teenagers, adults, and families, that teaches how to cook on a budget and in a healthy manner. The Shared Kitchen Space is expected to strengthen small food businesses and access to local food.

**Analysis:** U-Grow Inc. will pay rent and is responsible for general maintenance of the space and utilities.

**Financial Considerations:** The City will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, being a sum of \$3.00 prior to the commencement of the initial lease and subsequent renewals.

**Legal Considerations:** Any lease agreement involving City of Columbus owned property requires Council approval.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease for space at the Fox Community Center located at 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904 with U-Grow Inc.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH THE U-GROW INC. TO LEASE SPACE AT THE FOX COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 3720 5TH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901 FOR A SHARED KITCHEN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns the property located at 3720 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is using it for a community center; and

**WHEREAS**, the U-Grow Inc. is requesting a lease agreement for the leasing of space; and

**WHEREAS**, the space highlighted on the attachment, will be used to construct a shared kitchen space; and

**WHEREAS**, The City will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, being a sum of \$3.00 per lease period to be paid prior to lease commencement.

**WHEREAS**, the terms of lease agreement for the space being utilized is January 1, 2023, through December 3, 2025.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement and any subsequent renewals with U-Grow Inc. to lease space at the Fox Community Center located at 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle Voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor