

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) to Conduct a Historic Resources Survey
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) to conduct a Historic Resources Survey
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) to conduct a historic resources survey of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Adair Avenue Residential historic district. The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dollars.

Background: An MOU will be executed, pending City Council Approval by and between the Columbus Consolidated Government, Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office, and River Valley Regional Commission to conduct a Historic Resources Survey. The Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia intends to demolish units 702G and 702H within the circa 1963 Rivers Homes/Warren Williams Homes located at 1050 Adair Avenue in Columbus, GA. The State of Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) found that Rivers Homes/Warren Williams Homes are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Additionally, HPD found that the NRHP-eligible Adair Avenue Residential historic district and NRHP-listed Wynn's Hill Overlook/Oak Circle Historic District are within the proposed project's area of potential effect (APE). Furthermore, HPD found multiple other historic resources within the proposed project's APE, some of which may be eligible for listing in the NRHP. Prior to demolishing this structure, a MOA is needed to conduct a Historic Resources Survey, because the project site is a good and representative local example of the national trends in public housing, and therefore makes it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Although this project is being entirely undertaken by the Housing Authority, the City Manager's signature is still required because the City of Columbus is the federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dollars.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to allow the City Manager to execute this memorandum of agreement.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations: Any agreement involving City of Columbus requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) to conduct a Historic Resources Survey of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Adair Avenue Residential historic district.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GREATER COLUMBUS, GEORGIA (HACG), THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO), AND RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION (RVRC) TO CONDUCT A HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP)-ELIGIBLE ADAIR AVENUE RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG), Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG AND River Valley Regional Commission intend to execute a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to conduct a Historic Resources Survey of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Adair Avenue Residential historic district; and,

WHEREAS the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is identified as the Responsible Entity (RE) and has assumed the full responsibility for all HUD's environmental requirements for the Undertaking pursuant to HUD's guidance in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, while further committing to ensure compliance in partnership with and assistance from HACG; and,

WHEREAS the HACG, a Housing Authority created pursuant to the laws of Georgia providing service in Muscogee County, Georgia, receives monies to provide services to Muscogee County, Georgia on behalf of HUD for financial assistance to low-income and moderate-income residents; and,

WHEREAS CCG, through the HACG, pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 of the regulations governing environmental review procedures for HUD, assumes the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and action that would otherwise apply to HUD.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the amended memorandum of agreement with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) to conduct a Historic Resources Survey of the National Register of Historic Places -eligible Adair Avenue Residential historic district.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day
of _____ 2021 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 Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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