

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Future Payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery And Kim Raines For Services Rendered – ADD-ON</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to process future payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines for services rendered relative to Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs Mark Preston Jones pursuant to forthcoming court orders.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to process future payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines for services rendered relative to Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs Mark Preston Jones pursuant to forthcoming court orders.

**Background:** Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) states that “Any person, club, organization, or their agents, employees, or representatives who wish to sell, barter, trade, build, pave, grade, haul, make studies, do planning, enter contracts, and any and all other kinds of businesses with the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, or any of its governmental agencies, shall, prior to doing said business, obtain, secure, and maintain a current city business license from the Columbus Consolidated Government.

**Analysis:** Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines are independent contractors not based in Muscogee County but are providing court reporting services in the legal proceedings relative to Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs Mark Preston Jones.

**Financial Considerations:** The City will not collect or receive any occupation taxes from the above referenced independent contractors.

**Legal Considerations:** Council’s approval is required to authorize a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b).

**Recommendations/Actions:** Approve a resolution to authorize special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) in order to process future payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines for services rendered relative to Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs Mark Preston Jones pursuant to forthcoming court orders.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO COLUMBUS CODE SECTION 19-36 (B) IN ORDER TO PROCESS FUTURE PAYMENTS TO COURT REPORTERS CONNIE MONTGOMERY AND KIM RAINES FOR SERVICES RENDERED RELATIVE TO CASE NO. SU 2021 CR 001819, STATE OF GEORGIA VS MARK PRESTON JONES PURSUANT TO FORTHCOMING COURT ORDERS.**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) states that “Any person, club, organization, or their agents, employees, or representatives who wish to sell, barter, trade, build, pave, grade, haul, make studies, do planning, enter contracts, and any and all other kinds of businesses with the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, or any of its governmental agencies, shall, prior to doing said business, obtain, secure, and maintain a current city business license from the Columbus Consolidated Government.”; and,

**WHEREAS**, Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines are independent contractors not based in Muscogee County but are providing court reporting services in the legal proceedings relative to Muscogee County Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs Mark Preston Jones; and,

**WHEREAS**, A special exception is required to waive the business license requirements in accordance with Columbus Code Section 19-36 (b) and pursuant to forthcoming court orders directing payment to the aforementioned independent contractors.

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

That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines for providing court reporting services in the legal proceedings relative to Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs Mark Preston Jones pursuant to forthcoming court orders and with special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36(b).

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 26th day of October, 2021, adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor