REAL ESTATE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this ____ day of November 2021, by and among **G. Michael Crow**, (herein referred to as the "Seller"), The CITY LAWRENCEVILLE (herein referred to as the "Purchaser").

RECITALS

- A. Seller is the owner of that certain tract of real property located in the City of Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia, being known as 452 Eaton Street, according to the current system of numbering in the City of Lawrenceville, also known as Tax Parcel R5146B072, being more particularly described on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property").
- B. Seller desires to sell the Property to Purchaser and Purchaser desires to purchase the Property from Seller.
- NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by each of the parties hereto, the parties hereto agree as follows:
- 1. <u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions herein, Seller shall sell and transfer the Property to Purchaser and Purchaser shall purchase the Property from Seller. Purchaser shall pay to Seller the purchase price of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$180,000.00).
- 2. <u>EARNEST MONEY</u>. The Purchaser, on or before two (2) business days after the final execution of this Agreement by the Seller, shall deliver to the Escrow Agent the Purchaser's check in the amount of ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) (herein referred to as the "Earnest Money"). The Earnest Money held by Escrow Agent shall be applied against the Purchase Price at the Closing, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement with Escrow Agent or otherwise disbursed as provided herein.
- B. <u>Investment of Earnest Money</u>. Escrow Agent shall invest the Earnest Money in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 12.1 below.
- 3. <u>SURVEY</u>. The Purchaser may, at its sole cost and expense, cause a Georgia registered land surveyor (herein referred to as the "Surveyor") to make a boundary survey (herein referred to as the "Survey") of the Property for the purpose of determining the exact number of acres within the boundary of the Property (to the nearest one thousandth (1/1000th) of an acre), the boundary lines of the Property, the location of all rights-of-way, buffers, easements and encroachments, if any, affecting the Property and any portion of the Property located within an area of special flood hazard as designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal

Emergency Management Agency or any similar federal, state or local agency. In the event the Purchaser elects to obtain a Survey, the Seller agrees to deliver to Purchaser at the Closing, in addition to a limited warranty deed using the legal description included herein, a quitclaim deed based on the Survey.

4. CONVEYANCE OF TITLE. Seller shall convey good and marketable fee simple title to the Property to the Purchaser pursuant to recordable limited warranty deed. The Property shall be conveyed free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and other exceptions to title, except for: (i) those title encumbrances and other exceptions which are approved by Purchaser in the exercise of its sole discretion; (ii) those other title exceptions which are waived by Purchaser pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement; and (iii) the lien for ad valorem taxes not yet due and payable (the "Permitted Title Exceptions"). Not later than November 23, 2021, the Purchaser shall deliver to the Seller a statement of any objections to the Seller's title (including the Existing Title Exceptions) and the Seller shall have the right (but not the obligation) within a reasonable time thereafter in which to cure any such objections. In the event that the Seller fails to cure any such objections by Closing, Purchaser may (i) terminate this Agreement, (ii) remove any such objections (but only as to monetary liens created, assumed or suffered by Seller against the Property) and pay the same at Closing from the Purchase Price in accordance with the amount of money due and payable for such monetary lien, or (iii) waive such objections and close the transaction contemplated by this Agreement in accordance with all of the terms and provisions hereof.

5. CLOSING.

- A. <u>Closing</u>. The Closing shall be on or before November 30, 2021. The Closing shall be held at the offices of Mahaffey, Pickens, Tucker, LLP in Lawrenceville, Georgia at a time and date which is mutually agreeable to Seller and Purchaser; and Purchaser agrees to provide Seller two (2) days written notice of the date and time for Closing, accompanied with drafts of all documents to be executed by Seller at Closing. At the Closing, the Seller shall execute and deliver to the Purchaser a limited warranty deed conveying good and marketable fee simple title to the Property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except the Permitted Title Exceptions.
- B. Taxes. Real property ad valorem taxes assessed against the Property for the year in which the Closing occurs shall be prorated as of the Closing Date. In the event tax bills for the year in which the Closing occurs have not been issued at the time of the Closing, the proration shall be made on the basis of the taxes actually paid for the immediately preceding year. In the event the amount of such taxes is not finally determined at the date of Closing, an appropriate adjustment shall be made between Seller and Purchaser by payment of the difference, if any, when the actual amount of such taxes becomes known. If the Property is included within a larger parcel for taxing purposes, Seller agrees to cause the taxes to be paid on the real property of which the Property forms a part on or before the date such tax bills become delinquent. At the time that the tax bills are received for the year in which the Closing occurs (whether before or after the Closing), the Purchaser and the Seller shall make any adjustments made necessary by reason thereof.

- Documents. The Seller and the Purchaser agree that such documents as may be legally necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this Agreement shall be executed and delivered by each party to the other at the Closing, including, but not limited to, an affidavit from the Seller that has as its subject matter averments that, to the actual knowledge of the person signing the affidavit for Seller, (i) there are no rights or claims of parties in possession not shown by the public records, (ii) there are no liens or encumbrances other than those as to which specific provision is made at Closing, (iii) there are no liens, or rights to a lien, for services incurred by Seller (including, but not limited to, real estate brokerage services incurred by Seller), labor or material furnished at the request of Seller and not shown by the public records, (iv) the Seller is not a "foreign person" within the meaning of Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Regulations thereunder, and (v) the Seller is not a "non-resident" within the meaning of O.C.G.A. § 48-7-128 (or if Seller is a "non-resident" within the meaning of such code section, that Seller will do all things necessary to comply at Closing with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-128). The owner's affidavit to be executed by Seller at Closing shall expressly state that nothing contained therein shall in any way be deemed to modify or enlarge the other representations contained in this Agreement or the limited warranty of title which is to be contained in the deed of conveyance from Seller to Purchaser. Seller shall provide evidence of authority for the person or persons executing documents on behalf of the Seller satisfactory to the Purchaser's title insurance company.
- D. <u>Expenses of Closing</u>. The Seller shall pay the cost of the State of Georgia transfer tax due on the conveyance of the Property, if any. The Purchaser shall pay the survey costs, title examination costs, title certification costs, title insurance premiums, any fees charged by the Escrow Agent, and any other costs incurred by the Purchaser. Each party shall bear the expense of its own legal counsel.

6. SELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS.

- A. The Seller makes the following representations and warranties:
- (i) Seller owns fee simple title to the Property, subject to those title exceptions disclosed in such title insurance policy;
- (ii) this Agreement has been properly executed on behalf of Seller by its duly authorized officer and any and all actions, which are or may be necessary to fully authorize Seller to enter into and perform this Agreement have been properly obtained;
- (iii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein shall not constitute a default by Seller of any other agreement to which Seller is a party.
- (iv) Seller has not engaged any broker or agent with respect to the purchase and sale contemplated under this Agreement; and

- (v) any and all leases whose term (or any extension thereof) would extend beyond the Closing Date or give the right of possession of the Property or any portion thereof beyond the Closing Date have been disclosed to purchaser, and will be assigned to buyer at closing;
- to the best of Seller's knowledge, without independent investigation, neither the Property nor any portion thereof is in violation of any federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation relating to any Hazardous Substances and there exists no presence, use, treatment, storage, release or disposal of any Hazardous Substances at, on or beneath the Property which has created or is likely to create any liability (public or private) of owners or occupants of the Property under any current federal, state or local law or regulation or which would require reporting to a governmental agency. No Hazardous Substances are present at, on or beneath any parcel of property or property adjacent to the Property and no parcel or property adjacent to the Property is in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations with respect to Hazardous Substances. As used herein, the term "Hazardous Substances" means petroleum, petroleum products, asbestos, asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated bi-phenyls ("PCBs") any other hazardous, toxic or dangerous substance, material, or waste as defined for purposes of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9061 ("CERCLA"); Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. Section 1802 ("HMTA"); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6901 ("RCRA"), and all amendments to the foregoing, or any other federal, state or local law, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to the Property, and establishing liability, standards or required action as to discharge, spillage, storage, uncontrolled loss, seepage, filtration, disposal, removal, use or existence of a hazardous, toxic or dangerous substance, material or waste. No asbestos, asbestos containing materials or PCBs are contained in or stored on or under the Property. There has never been a landfill containing decomposable material, petroleum wells, mineral-bearing mines, sewage treatment facilities, storage tanks, sink holes, radon or other toxic emissions in, on or under the Property; and
- (viii) to the best of Seller's knowledge, there are no pending or threatened actions, suits, proceedings or bankruptcies against Seller of the Property which might affect the Property, Seller's title thereto, or the ability of Seller to perform its obligations hereunder.
- B. Seller shall take such steps as necessary to become active in good standing with the Georgia Secretary of State prior to the closing.
- C. Seller will not take, or cause to be taken, any action, which would cause or threaten to cause, any of the representations stated herein to become incorrect or untrue.

7. PURCHASER'S REPRESENTATIONS.

A. Purchaser represents to Seller as follows:

- (i) this Agreement has been properly executed on behalf of Purchaser by its duly authorized officer and any and all actions which are or may be necessary to fully authorize Purchaser to enter into and perform this Agreement have been properly obtained;
- (ii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein shall not constitute a default by Purchaser of any other agreement to which Purchaser is a party; and
- (iii) Purchaser has not engaged any broker with respect to the purchase and sale of the Property contemplated under this Agreement.
- B. Purchaser will not take, or cause to be taken, any action which would cause or threaten to cause, any of the representations stated herein to become incorrect or untrue.

8. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.

The Purchaser's obligation to purchase the Property hereunder is expressly made subject to the satisfaction (or waiver by the Purchaser) of each of the following conditions, on or before the Closing Date (or any earlier date expressly set forth below), in addition to all other conditions set forth in this Agreement:

- (i) the Property will be in the same condition as existed on the date of the effective date, reasonable wear and tear only excepted.
- (ii) that all representations of Seller contained in Paragraph 7 of this Agreement be true and correct in all material respects as of the date of Closing.

If any of the above conditions set forth in this Paragraph 9 have not been duly satisfied by either Closing Date or earlier date specified as to each condition, the Purchaser may rescind this Agreement for any property that has not already be closed, by written notice to the Seller on or before the respective Closing Date or the earlier date expressly set forth above, in. Thereafter, the parties hereto shall have no further rights, duties or obligations hereunder, except as is otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement. In the event that the party having the right to rescind this Agreement does not so elect to rescind this Agreement on or before the Closing Date or earlier date specified above, then such condition shall be deemed waived and this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

9. <u>BROKERAGE COMMISSION; DISCLOSURE.</u> The parties acknowledge that there are no Brokers representing either the Seller or the Purchaser in this transaction. It is understood and agreed that no commission shall be due hereunder for any reason whatsoever. Purchaser and Seller each hereby indemnifies the other against and agrees to hold harmless the other from any and all claims for real estate commissions or similar fees arising out of or in any way connected with any claimed agency relationship with the indemnitor and relating to the purchase and sale of the Property contemplated by this Agreement or any cancellation or termination of this Agreement.

At Closing, Seller and Purchaser shall each execute and deliver an affidavit confirming the foregoing in order to release any lien rights pursuant to the Commercial Real Estate Broker Lien Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-14-600, et. seq.

10. NOTICES.

Any notice, approval, requests, demands, tenders, or other communication which may be required or permitted to be given or delivered hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given, delivered and received (i) as of the date when the notice is actually delivered, or (ii) if mailed, in the United States Mail, certified, return receipt requested, to the address for each party set forth below, as of the date which is the date of the post mark on such notice, or (iii) if delivered by courier or express mail service, telegram or mailgram, to the address for each party set forth below, where the carrier provides or retains evidence of the date of delivery, as of the date of such delivery, or (iv) one (1) day after being delivered to a nationally recognized commercial courier for next day delivery, to the address for each party set forth below, or (v) when transmitted by email (provided that confirmation thereof is delivered by certified or registered mail) to the email address for each party set forth below.

SELLER:

Michael G. Crow 485 Maltbie St. #2 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 Email: mcrow320@aol.com

PURCHASER:

City of Lawrenceville.

Post Office Box 502

Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046

Attn: Chuck Warbington, City Manager

Email: chuck.warbington@lawrencevillega.org>

With a copy to:

Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP 1550 North Brown Road, Suite 125 Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045 Attn: Jeffrey R. Mahaffey

Email: jmahaffey@mptlawfirm.com

Any party may by notice to the other in the manner provided above, designate a different address for receiving notices under this Agreement. Any notice which is delivered to the notice

address; or, if not left at the notice address, the next business day when re-delivered to the notice address. The refusal to accept delivery shall not prevent any notice from being effectively given. A non-business day is a Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday when national banks are closed for business to the general public.

11. <u>DEFAULT</u>.

A. Remedies of Purchaser.

- (i) In the event the Closing does not occur in accordance with the terms of this Agreement because of the inability of the Seller to convey good and marketable fee simple title to the Property because of title defects or objections, the Purchaser's sole right and exclusive remedy shall be either to (a) terminate this Agreement in which event the Earnest Money previously paid by Purchaser shall be immediately refunded to the Purchaser or (b) waive such inability and proceed to close the transaction without regard thereto. Despite the provisions of this Paragraph 11A(i), Purchaser may cure any monetary liens created, assumed or suffered by Seller against the Property and pay the same at Closing from the purchase price in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4 of this Agreement.
- (ii) In the event the Closing does not occur in accordance with the terms of this Agreement due to the default of the Seller hereunder, the Purchaser shall have the right of specific performance, but not damages, except as provided immediately below, against Seller. In addition to the right to specific performance, Purchaser shall have the right to damages against Seller if and only if Seller, either before or during the term that this Agreement remains in effect, sells, assigns, rents, leases, conveys (absolutely or as security), grants a security interest in, or otherwise encumbers or disposes of, any portion of the Property or any interest or rights therein without the express prior written consent of the Purchaser (provided, however, the Seller shall have the right to encumber the Property with mortgages or deeds to secure debt provided the indebtedness secured does not exceed the Purchase Price and may be paid in full without any premium or penalty on the Closing Date). Neither an uncured title defect or objection against the Property, nor the inability of the Seller to convey title because of the Seller's failure to obtain title to the Property pursuant to the Seller's Contract shall be deemed to be an event of default on the part of Seller hereunder.
- B. Remedies of Seller. If the Closing does not occur in accordance with the terms of this Agreement due to the default of the Purchaser, or in the event of a breach by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder, the Seller shall be entitled, as its sole right and exclusive remedy, to receive the Earnest Money previously paid by Purchaser as full, final and complete liquidated damages in accordance with and under the authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 13-6-7. The parties understand and agree that (i) actual damages would be difficult or impossible to ascertain in the event of such default or breach and (ii) the sum specified as liquidated damages is a reasonable estimation of the probable loss which would be sustained by the Seller by reason of such default

or breach and is not a penalty or forfeiture. Seller hereby waives any right to damages (except as described in this Paragraph 11(B) or specific performance against the Purchaser.

12. ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS.

- 12.1 <u>Investment of Earnest Money</u>. Escrow Agent shall hold the Earnest Money in an insured non interest bearing account at a banking institution with which Escrow Agent has an established banking relationship. Escrow Agent shall promptly advise Seller and Purchaser if the Earnest Money is not received by Escrow Agent in a timely fashion.
- 12.2 <u>Disbursement of Funds</u>. At such time as Escrow Agent receives written Notice from Seller or Purchaser, or both, stating the identity of the party to whom the Earnest Money is to be disbursed, Escrow Agent shall disburse such Earnest Money pursuant to such notice; provided, however, that if such notice is given by either Seller or Purchaser but not both, Escrow Agent shall notify the other party in writing of such notice and shall withhold disbursement of the Earnest Money for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days after giving such notice and if Escrow Agent receives written Notice from either Seller or Purchaser within such fifteen (15) day period, which notice countermands or disputes the earlier notice of disbursement, then Escrow Agent shall withhold such disbursement until both Seller and Purchaser can agree upon a disbursement of the Earnest Money. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Purchaser notifies Escrow Agent on or before the expiration of the Inspection Period of its election to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 6.B, then no confirming notice from Seller shall be required by Escrow Agent, and Escrow Agent shall promptly disburse the Earnest Money as provided in Paragraph 6.B, without requesting or waiting for confirming notice from Seller. Seller and Purchaser agree to send to the other a duplicate copy of any written notice sent to Escrow Agent requesting disbursement or countermanding or disputing a request for disbursement.
- 12.3 <u>Limited Liability</u>. In performing any of its duties hereunder, Escrow Agent shall not incur any liability to anyone for any damages, losses or expenses, except for any gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of trust by Escrow Agent under this Agreement, and, accordingly, Escrow Agent shall not incur any such liability with respect to the following: (a) any action taken or omitted in good faith upon advice of its legal counsel given with respect to any questions relating to the duties and responsibilities of Escrow Agent under this Agreement; or (b) any action taken or omitted in reliance on any instrument, including any written notice or instruction provided for in this Agreement, not only as to its due execution and the validity and effectiveness of its provisions but also as to the truth and accuracy of any information contained therein, which Escrow Agent shall in good faith believe to be genuine, to have been signed or presented by a person or persons having authority to sign or present such instrument, and to conform with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 12.4 <u>Disputes</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, upon a dispute between Seller and Purchaser sufficient in the sole discretion of Escrow Agent to justify its doing so, or if Escrow Agent has not disbursed the Earnest Money on or before the thirtieth day (30th) day following the Closing Date specified in Paragraph 5.A (as the same may be extended as

provided herein or by agreement of Purchaser and Seller), then Escrow Agent shall be entitled to tender into the registry or custody of any court of competent jurisdiction the Earnest Money, together with such pleadings as it may deem appropriate, and thereupon be discharged from all further duties and liabilities under this Agreement (other than with respect to any liabilities for gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of trust by Escrow Agent).

- 12.5. <u>Indemnity</u>. Seller and Purchaser indemnify Escrow Agent against, and hold Escrow Agent harmless from, any and all claims, actions, demands, losses, damages, expenses (including, without limitation, court costs, attorneys' fees and accountant's fees) and liabilities that may be imposed upon performance of its duties under this Paragraph 12, including, without limitation, any litigation arising from this Agreement or involving the subject matter of this Agreement, but excluding any such claims, actions, demands, losses, damages, expenses and liabilities resulting from or arising out of any gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of trust by Escrow Agent under this Agreement. If there is any litigation arising from this Agreement or involving the subject matter hereof, and if Seller and Purchaser are opposing parties in such litigation, then the party prevailing in such litigation shall be reimbursed promptly upon demand by the other such party in an amount equal to that amount which the prevailing party shall have paid Escrow Agent with respect to such litigation and its subject matter pursuant to the indemnification agreement contained in this Paragraph 12.5. The provisions of this Paragraph 12.5 shall survive the Closing or any termination, cancellation or rescission of this Agreement.
- 13. THREAT OF CONDEMNATION. The City of Lawrenceville has the power of eminent domain. The parties acknowledge that the City of Lawrenceville has been in prior discussions with Seller concerning the acquisition of the Property to be used for redevelopment purposes, including but not limited to the condemnation and/or taking of the Property via the City's power of eminent domain. The purchase and sale under this Agreement would be under threat of eminent domain. This agreement is entered into as an offer of settlement and compromise of pending or threatened litigation relating to the condemnation and/or taking of the Property via the City's power of eminent domain, and shall be inadmissible in any action or litigation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-4-408.

14. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. <u>Termination</u>. In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms hereof or otherwise, the terminating party shall give notice thereof to the other party and this Agreement shall be null and void and of no force or effect and the parties shall have no rights, obligations or liabilities hereunder, except those which expressly survive the termination of this Agreement.
- B. <u>Waiver</u>. The failure of any party to exercise any right given hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance with any term, condition or covenant specified herein shall not constitute a waiver o' such party's right to exercise such right or to demand strict compliance with any such term, condition or covenant under this Agreement.

- C. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement of the Seller and the Purchaser with respect to the transaction contemplated hereunder and no representation, inducement, promise or agreement, parole or written, between the Purchaser and the Seller and not incorporated herein shall be of any force or effect. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be in writing and executed by the Purchaser and the Seller.
- D. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and the respective successors, successors in title and permitted assigns. Purchaser shall be entitled to assign its rights hereunder.
 - E. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence with respect to this Agreement.
- F. <u>Survival of Provisions</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall not merge into the documentation from this transaction and shall survive the Closing of this transaction and the execution and delivery of the deed pursuant hereto.
- G. <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement and all amendments hereto shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Georgia.
- H. <u>Severability</u>. If any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, such provision, or the application of such term, covenant or condition to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall be deemed severable, and the remainder hereof shall not be affected thereby, and each term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- I. <u>Date of this Agreement</u>. In the event that any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, such date or deadline shall automatically be extended to the next date which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The date of "final execution" and the "Effective Date" of this Agreement shall be the date of the last signature of Purchaser and Seller to this Agreement.
- J. <u>Possession</u>. Full and complete possession of the Property shall be delivered to Purchaser at respective Closing of each Parcel.
- L. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[SIGNATURES COMMENCE ON FOLLOWING PAGE.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed, under seal, as of the day and year indicated opposite their names below.

	PURCHASER:
Date	THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE
	By: David Still, Mayor
	SELLER:
Date	By: Michael G. Crow

EXHIBIT "A" Legal Description

(to be inserted)