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Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor (Virtual)
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

June 29, 2021
9:00 AM
Special Called Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by City Manager Isaiah Hugley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

ROLL CALL: Clerk of Council, Sandra T. Davis

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

RESOLUTION

1. A Resolution authorizing to continue its designation of additional temporary alternative locations for all Superior, State, Municipal, and Magistrate Courts sitting in Muscogee County, which was established in Resolution No. 004-21, up to and until June 30, 2022 to hold proceedings during the COVID-19 reopening period.

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File Attachments for Item:

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RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

WHEREAS, the Judicial State of Emergency declared by the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will substantially expire and require that most services and court proceedings will go forward; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Courthouse has limited space and elevator capacity, and the Superior Courts, State Courts, Municipal, and Magistrate's Court will continue to need to accommodate increasingly large number of members of the public while maintaining appropriate social distancing and protecting staff and those participating in judicial proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 15-6-18 provides that when it is impracticable to hold any session of state or superior court at the courthouse, it shall be lawful to hold court and any session sitting in such place as the proper authorities of the County in and for which the court is to be held may from time to time provide; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it appropriate to continue its designation of additional temporary alternative locations for all Superior, State, Municipal, and Magistrate Courts sitting in Muscogee County, which was established in Resolution No. 004-21, up to and until June 30th, 2022 to hold proceedings during the COVID-19 reopening period.

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

We hereby designate the City Services Center, the 10th Street Annex, the Columbus Civic Center, the Columbus Ice Rink, and the Columbus Iron Works Trade and Convention Center as additional available courthouse facilities for the purpose of holding any of the above-mentioned Court proceedings, subject to facility availability as confirmed by the City Manager or his designee. This order shall remain in effect up to and including June 30th, 2022, unless revoked by resolution of this Council.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Judge Bemon McBride of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and State Court Judges Andy Prather and Ben Richardson, and Municipal Court Judge Stephen Smith.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus,
Georgia, held on the 29th day of June, 2021 and adopted at said
meeting by the affirmation vote of ____ members of 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