

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Golden Park Lease Agreement
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a lease agreement between the City and Golden Park Restoration Inc. (GPR) for the use of Golden Park Baseball Complex. The Lessee shall commit to upgrade/repair and invest in Golden Park at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).
INITIATED BY:	Parks & Recreation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a lease agreement between the City and Golden Park Restoration Inc. (GPR) for the use of Golden Park Baseball Complex.

Background: The Lessee is a Georgia corporation which will operate Golden Park and secure a high-level collegiate summer baseball team which is a member of the Sunbelt Baseball League and wishes to play its home games at Golden Park. GPR shall identify Team by January 1, 2021, and its name shall be mutually agreeable to GPC and Columbus. The new team will begin playing Summer Baseball in Golden Park in 2021. Golden Park Restorations, Inc. is willing to make an initial investment in the renovation of the Facilities at Golden Park and undertake their ongoing maintenance throughout the term of the agreement.

Analysis: The Lessee shall commit to upgrade/repair and invest in Golden Park at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), (“Required Investment”) as specified in paragraphs B, C, and D in the lease provided. The Required Investment that must be performed by the Lessee at its cost, shall at a minimum include the following:

- I. Repair the grandstand roof.
- I. Install field lighting to make baseball playable at night.
- II. Repair and replace concession stand equipment.
- III. Locker room- GPR shall replace the water heater (commercial) Lessor agrees repair the locker room before the start of the season.
- IV. Initial cleaning and painting.

The term of the agreement will commence upon the effective date as signed by all parties for a term of five years.

Financial Considerations: This will be at no cost to the City. The upgrade/repairs in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) will be considered the cost of the rent for the five years of the agreement.

Fiscal Impact: None is expected as we already maintain the areas detailed in the lease.

Legal: Council must approve the acceptance of this lease.

Recommendation: Approve the request for to accept the attached lease agreement between the City and Golden Park Restoration Inc. (GPR) for the use of Golden Park Baseball Complex.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GOLDEN PARK RESTORATION, INC. (GPR) FOR THE USE OF GOLDEN PARK BASEBALL COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, Golden Park is a baseball stadium that is currently not being used; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity has arisen to bring a team to Columbus to utilize Golden Park; and,

WHEREAS, per the attached lease, this will bring the game of baseball back to Columbus and GPR will also make improvements to Golden Park Stadium.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to sign the lease provided by and between the City of Columbus and Golden Park Restoration, Inc. for the use of Golden Park Baseball Complex.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020, and 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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor