

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Abandonment of Hospital Emergency Ambulance Radio (H.E.A.R) System
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to abandoning the H.E.A.R. Equipment, declaring the equipment surplus and no longer serviceable to the City and authorizing the donation of the equipment to Piedmont Medical Center for use as communication with incoming ambulances/helicopters from other agencies outside of Muscogee County during the transport of patients.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval of a resolution abandoning the H.E.A.R. Equipment, declaring the equipment surplus and no longer serviceable to the City. Authorizing the donation of the equipment to Piedmont Medical Center for use as communication with incoming ambulances/helicopters from other agencies outside of Muscogee County during the transport of patients.

Background: The H.E.A.R. (Hospital Emergency Ambulance Radio) network has been operated as a base station allowing communication and transmitting vital information between the Hospital and ambulances. With upgrades to the City’s Radio Network, the system was no longer needed by the City and many adjacent communities with access to the network.

Analysis: The City no longer has a need for the HEAR System and a requested discontinuing the lease expenses for AT&T. Occasionally outside communities are deferred to Piedmont for Emergency Care and it is critical to have communication with incoming ambulances/helicopters. Piedmont has requested donation of the equipment for installation at the Piedmont Medical Center.

Financial Considerations: Piedmont will pay for all relocation and repair cost to the system.

Legal Considerations: Council authorization is required to declare surplus and dispose of City owned equipment.

Recommendation/Action: Approval of a resolution abandoning the H.E.A.R. Equipment, declaring the equipment surplus and no longer serviceable to the City. Authorizing the donation of the equipment to Piedmont Medical Center for use as communication with incoming ambulances/helicopters from other agencies outside of Muscogee County during the transport of patients.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF THE H.E.A.R. SYSTEM THAT IS NO LONGER SERVICEABLE AND DECLARING IT SURPLUS. ADDITIONALLY, APPROVAL IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR DONATION OF THE EQUIPMENT TO PIEDMONT MEDICAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government no longer has need to utilize the existing H.E.A.R. due to upgrades in the radio system; and,

WHEREAS, Piedmont Medical Center still has need of the system to communicate and transmit vital information with outside agencies transporting patients to their facilities for emergency care; and,

WHEREAS, Piedmont Medical Center has agreed to pay for all relocation and repair cost for the system; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to declare the H.E.A.R. System surplus and donate the equipment to Piedmont Medical Center for their use in communication and transmission of vital information.

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, Mayor