

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Bureau of Investigation Memorandum of Understanding
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and lease office space for their operations in Columbus, GA for a Gang Task Force (GTF).
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and lease office space for their operations in Columbus, GA for a Gang Task Force (GTF).

Background: The State of Georgia is in a state of crisis which has been caused by violent criminal street gangs whose members threaten, terrorize, and commit a multitude of crimes against the peaceful citizens of their neighborhoods. The GBI and the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) share a mutual interest and responsibility in combating the crisis. The GBI and the CCG desire to partner to combat criminal street gangs in Columbus, GA.

Analysis: The GBI and the CCG will provide necessary resources to identify, investigate, and dismantle criminal street gangs in Columbus.

Financial Considerations: The CCG will be responsible to lease office space for the GBI Gang Task Force (GTF) and necessary renovations, as well as the utilities for FY25.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the final Memorandum of Understanding and lease agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and lease office space for their operations in Columbus, GA for a Gang Task Force (GTF).

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND LEASE OFFICE SPACE FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN COLUMBUS, GA FOR A GANG TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has established a state-wide Anti-Gang Task Force (GTF) for the purpose of defeating the proliferation of criminal street gangs; and,

WHEREAS, the GBI and the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) are partnering to aggressively investigate and prosecute criminal acts by street gangs in Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the GBI and the CCG desire to facilitate a comprehensive strategy to combat criminal street gangs by providing the necessary resources to identify, investigate and dismantle criminal street gangs.

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

To authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, in substantially the form attached to this resolution, with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and lease office space and provide necessary renovations for their operations in Columbus, GA for a Gang Task Force. Funds are available in the Other Local Option Sales Tax-Public Safety.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor