Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	**Georgia DNR Grant for Columbus Golf Authority**
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for an application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the amount of $750,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a 50% local match requirement, for upgrades to the Godwin Creek Golf Course, and amend the Bull Creek Golf Course Fund by the amount of the award and local match.
INITIATED BY:	**Columbus Golf Authority**

Recommendation: Approval is requested for an application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the amount of $750,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a 50% local match requirement, for upgrades to the Godwin Creek Golf Course, and amend the Bull Creek Golf Course Fund by the amount of the award and local match.

Background: Funding is requested to renovate the Godwin Creek Golf Course. Godwin Creek Golf Course has historically served the community through junior golf initiatives. Godwin Creek Golf Course also appeals to a growing segment of the community who prefer a shorter course that takes less time to play than longer, traditional golf courses. Godwin Creek Golf Course is a feeder facility, as young golfers are cultivated into future golfers at Oxbow Creek and Bull Creek Golf Courses. Current conditions have deteriorated to a point where parents are choosing other courses for their children to learn golf.

Analysis: The Columbus Golf Authority is requesting funds to bring Godwin Creek Golf Course to a level of condition acceptable to the community. A renovated Godwin Creek Golf Course will draw families to the area.

Financial Considerations; This grant requires a 50% (dollar for dollar) local match, meaning the match will be equal to the amount awarded. If fully awarded, $750,000 additional matching funds are required.

Legal Considerations; the Columbus Consolidated Government is entitled to apply for and receive these funds, if awarded, and will be bound by the terms of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for an application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the amount of $750,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a 50% local match requirement, for upgrades to the Godwin Creek Golf Course, and amend the Bull Creek Golf Course Fund by the amount of the award and local match.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, THE MAYOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT, IF **AWARDED, LAND** & **WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,** IN **THE AMOUNT OF $750,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH A 50% LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED** IN **THE AMOUNT OF $750,000, OR AS AWARDED, AND AMEND THE BULL CREEK GOLF COURSE FUND BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD AND LOCAL MATCH.**

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the Columbus Golf Authority to implement existing golf course improvement plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Golf Authority strives to return Godwin Creek Golf Course once again to a positive representation of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has enjoyed a long history of hosting local and visiting golfers, attracting economic activity as well as numerous positive impacts to the community.

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, in the amount of $750,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of $750,000, or as awarded, and amend the Bull Creek Golf Course Fund budget by the amount of the award and local match.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of September, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Barnes voting _____
Councilor Chambers voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Cook voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor