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Columbus Consolidated Government

Council Meeting

9/22/2026

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TO: Mayor and Council

SUBJECT: Office of Dispute Resolution

INITIATED BY: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a one-year contract with Muscogee County Office of Dispute Resolution to award funding for Crime Prevention initiatives.

Background: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has agreed to recommend the funding of $17,000.00 to the Office of Dispute Resolution to run the Legitimation Station.

Analysis: This program will help establish relationships between fathers and their children that were born out of wedlock.

Financial Considerations: These funds are appropriated from the Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program and do not require a match.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter a one year contract with Office of Dispute Resolution to provide funding for The Legitimation Station.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH OFFICE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR $17,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE INITIATIVES OF LEGITIMATION STATION.

WHEREAS, Office of Dispute Resolution has the Legitimation Station Program to impact the lives of fathers to reconnect them to their children and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has authorized funding under the Crime Prevention Program for this project in the amount of $17,000.00 to the Office of Dispute Resolution.

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract through the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention with the Office of Dispute Resolution for $17,000.00 for funding the Legitimation Station Program. Funds are budgeted in the FY27 budget: Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program.

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

Councilor Allen voting_____.
Councilor Crabb voting_____.
Councilor Barnes voting_____.
Councilor Davis voting_____.
Councilor Chambers voting_____.
Councilor Huff voting_____.
Councilor Garrett voting_____.
Councilor Tucker voting_____.
Councilor Cook voting_____.
Councilor Cogle voting_____.

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LINDSEY MCLEMORE	SKIP HENDERSON
CLERK	MAYOR