

Columbus Consolidated Government

Council Meeting

9/22/2026

Agenda Report # ____

TO: Mayor and Council

SUBJECT: Columbus Regional Tennis Association

INITIATED BY: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a one-year contract with CORTA to award funding for Crime Prevention initiatives.

Background: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has agreed to recommend the funding of \$15,000.00 to CORTA to help implement the Tennis Works program. The goal is to use tennis as an avenue to teach life skills to underserved and at-risk youth. TennisWorks directly addresses this mission. This year round program consists of an on-court tennis instruction component and an academic enrichment program. CORTA seeks to include all youth who are interested in learning the sport of tennis to have access to participate in our TennisWorks program at no charge. The Tennis Works program is a year round program for children and youth ages 5-18 from Title 1 schools. The program provides a safe and structured program and intentionally focuses on academic and social development through tennis to empower impoverished children and youth as an alternative to criminal activity and to break the cycle of generational poverty.

Analysis: Funds will be used to pay for quality programming as well as education for at risk individuals.

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 City Manager to enter into a one-year contract with CORTA to provide funding for the TennisWorks program.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CORTA FOR \$15,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE INITIATIVES OF CORTA.

WHEREAS, CORTA has the TennisWorks to impact the lives of at impoverished children and youth and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has authorized funding under the Crime Prevention Program for this project in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the TennisWorks program.

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 CORTA for \$15,000.00 for funding the TennisWorks program. Funds are budgeted in the FY27 budget: Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program.

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_____.

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
CLERK

SKIP HENDERSON
MAYOR