

Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Replacement Ice Plant Condenser For The Civic Center
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase and installation of a replacement ice plant condenser at the Civic Center from American Refrigeration (Jacksonville, FL) in the amount of \$398,220.17 using funds from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

On December 23, 2025, the Civic Center notified the Mayor requesting an emergency purchase to replace the ice plant condenser at the Civic Center due to reaching its useful life and which is presenting operational and safety risks.

American Refrigeration, a vendor who has worked on the equipment on numerous occasions, performed an inspection and found the operational and safety risk issues. If the condenser fails or begins to leak, there is no temporary repair option available. A failure would immediately shut down ice operations at both the Civic Center and Ice Rink facilities, cancelling all ice activities.

Replacement of the condenser would take approximately 14 weeks to manufacture and deliver, resulting in extended downtime. This replacement has been recommended for four consecutive years, and conditions have continued to worsen. In addition to operational risk, the condenser contains ammonia, making this a significant safety concern for staff and the public. Immediate action is necessary to avoid facility shutdown and increase safety and financial risk. The replacement unit will be a Frick Model IDC3 evaporative condenser with HPR valve replacement, furnished and installed by American Refrigeration.

The Mayor approved the emergency purchase on December 23, 2025, based on the safety issues and the potential shutdown of the facility.

Funding is not available in the Civic Center's operating budget. Therefore, the purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged to the FY26 budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center - Civic Center Operations - Capital Expenditures - Over \$5,000; 0757- 160 -1000 - CIVC - 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
A REPLACEMENT ICE PLANT CONDENSER AT THE CIVIC CENTER FROM
AMERICAN REFRIGERATION (JACKSONVILLE, FL) IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$398,220.17 USING FUNDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR
THE CIVIC CENTER.**

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2025, the Civic Center notified the Mayor requesting an emergency purchase to replace the ice plant condenser at the Civic Center due to reaching its useful life and which is presenting operational and safety risks; and,

WHEREAS, American Refrigeration, a vendor who has worked on the equipment on numerous occasions, performed an inspection and found the operational and safety risk issues. If the condenser fails or begins to leak, there is no temporary repair option available. A failure would immediately shut down ice operations at both the Civic Center and Ice Rink facilities, cancelling all ice activities; and,

WHEREAS, replacement of the condenser would take approximately 14 weeks to manufacture and deliver, resulting in extended downtime. This replacement has been recommended for four consecutive years, and conditions have continued to worsen. In addition to operational risk, the condenser contains ammonia, making this a significant safety concern for staff and the public. Immediate action is necessary to avoid facility shutdown and increase safety and financial risk. The replacement unit will be a Frick Model IDC3 evaporative condenser with HPR valve replacement, furnished and installed by American Refrigeration; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor approved the emergency purchase on December 23, 2025, based on the safety issues and the potential shutdown of the facility.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee are hereby authorized to purchase and install an ice plant condenser at the Civic Center from American Refrigeration (Jacksonville, FL) in the amount of \$398,220.17.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged to the FY26 budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center - Civic Center Operations - Capital Expenditures -Over \$5,000; 0757- 160 -1000 - CIVC - 7761.

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

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor