

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Donations Accepted on Behalf of Greenpower Racing Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept any and all cash and in-kind donations to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department on behalf of the Greenpower Racing program for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026, ending on June 30, 2026.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept any and all cash and in-kind donations to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department on behalf of the Greenpower Racing program for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026, ending on June 30, 2026.

Background: The Greenpower Racing program started in 2011 with Columbus having a car in the program since 2021. The program is STEM-oriented for students in grades 4-12 and focuses on the construction, operation, and maintenance of an electric race car. The department's goal is to make the program cost-neutral to the participants if possible. To support this program the generous citizens of Columbus have offered to make donations of various kinds. Due to the varying dollar value of each donation involved it is not feasible to come back to Council for approval of each one under the current donation approval structure.

Analysis: The Greenpower Program does not have a unique budget but estimates annual needs at approximately \$5100. Approval of this resolution will allow the Greenpower program to receive donations efficiently and quickly, such as when a car needs immediate repairs before a race. It will also allow the program to operate with less impact on the current Recreation Services budget.

Financial Considerations: Accepting the donations would not negatively impact the budget. In fact, it will likely reduce the budget requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Council is the approving authority for the acceptance of all donations and administration of policies regarding donations.

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to accept any and all cash and in-kind donations to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department on behalf of the Greenpower Racing program for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026, ending on June 30, 2026.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND IN-KIND ITEMS ON BEHALF OF THE GREENPOWER RACING PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, having been offered various cash and in-kind donations and being required to bring each individual donation to Council for acceptance, the Department of Parks and Recreation now requests to be allowed to accept cash and in-kind donations without further Council approval if it benefits the department; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution will facilitate donations from citizens to the Greenpower Racing Program; and,

WHEREAS, any donations to the Greenpower Racing Program after June 30, 2026 will still require Council approval; and,

WHEREAS, all donations to the Greenpower Racing Program will have a positive effect on the operation of the program and its members; and,

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

The Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to accept cash and in-kind donations for the Greenpower Racing Program from citizens without the necessity of bringing those items to Council individually or collectively.

Council further directs the Finance Department to establish a revenue line item into which the cash donations may be received. This resolution shall only remain in effect through the end of fiscal year 2026, ending June 30, 2026.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on 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