

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Fire/Ems Department
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.
INITIATED BY:	Fire-EMS/Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriate Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

Background: The SPLOST budget appropriations for the Fire-EMS Department include funding to purchase replacement fire engines. These vehicles were specifically approved by Council during the annual budget process.

Analysis: Due to an increased need for various other equipment, the department would like to delay purchasing fire engines to instead procure and/or replace the following items: 3 Ambulance Units w/ Equipment, Maverick Command & Control Hub, Traffic Preemption System, Turnout Gear, Reserve Fire Truck Equipment, Mobile Data Terminals w/ Equipment, Staff Vehicles, and a Bomb Suit.

Financial Considerations: SPLOST funding is available and can be reallocated to support capital outlay.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required for the reallocation of the SPLOST budget.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million from the Fire-EMS Department's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION REALLOCATING APPROXIMATELY \$1.8 MILLION OF THE FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT'S APPROPRIATED SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO PURCHASE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN LIEU OF FIRE ENGINES.

WHEREAS, the SPLOST budget appropriations for the Fire-EMS Department includes funding to purchase replacement fire engines; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire-EMS Department would like to delay purchasing the approved fire engines to instead procure and/or replace various other equipment needed to support ongoing operations of the department; and,

WHEREAS, SPLOST funding is available and can be reallocated to support the capital outlay requested.

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

That the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million to purchase and/or replace the following items: 3 Ambulances w/ Equipment, 1 Maverick Command & Control Hub w/ Buildout, 1 Traffic Preemption System, 95 Turnout Gear, 2 Reserve Fire Truck Equipment, 5 Mobile Data Terminals w/ Equipment, 3 Staff Vehicles, and 1 Bomb Suit.

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