

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Camera Equipment for the Civic Center – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 2 (two) Canon XF705 HD Camcorders in the amount of \$11,938.02 and 1 (one) Sony A7 Mark III Digital Camera in the amount of \$1,598.00 from B & H Photo (New York City, NY) for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #R201202. Council approval is required for these purchases due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the Camcorders for live streaming events and projecting onto the jumbotron. The Digital Camera will be used to take photos during events to be posted on Civic Center’s social media platforms.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #20-12 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby B & H Photo was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Audio Visual Equipment, Accessories & Services. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the Procurement Ordinance, Article 9- 101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CANON XF705 HD CAMCORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,938.02 AND 1 (ONE) SONY A7 MARK III DIGITAL CAMERA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,598.00 FROM B & H PHOTO (NEW YORK CITY, NY) FOR THE CIVIC CENTER. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT #R201202. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THESE PURCHASES DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the Camcorders for live streaming events and projecting onto the jumbotron. The Digital Camera will be used to take photos during events to be posted on Civic Center’s social media platforms; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #20-12 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby B & H Photo was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Audio Visual Equipment, Accessories & Services. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the Procurement Ordinance, Article 9- 101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) Canon XF705 HD Camcorders in the amount of \$11,938.02 and 1 (one) Sony A7 Mark III Digital Camera in the amount of \$1,598.00 from B & H Photo (New York City, NY) for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #R201202. Council approval is required for these purchases due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – 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 _____, 2025 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