

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Authorization to Fill Ten (10) Unfunded Police Officer Positions
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions within the Columbus Police Department in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.

Background: Per Section 33 of Ordinance No. 24-035, there are forty-four (44) Police Officer positions currently unfunded to cover the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000 pay adjustments approved in Ordinance No. 24-008. The Columbus Police Department is requesting authorization to fill Ten (10) of unfunded positions to address staffing needs within the department.

Analysis: The General Fund and the Public Safety Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund has available reserves to reinstate Ten (10) Police Officer Positions in the Police Department. However, Council’s express approval is needed to reinstate funding for the unfunded positions.

Financial Considerations: The amount needed to reinstate ten (10) officer positions as of November 1, 2024, is approximately \$403,666 for the remainder of FY25 and approximately \$692,000 on an annual basis.

Legal Considerations: All appropriate budget ordinances will be adopted at the appropriate time to accommodate the actions that are being supported with the approval of this resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve a resolution to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FILL TEN (10) UNFUNDED POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN FY25.

WHEREAS, per Section 33 of Ordinance No. 24-035, there are forty-four (44) Police Officer positions currently unfunded to cover the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000 pay adjustments approved in Ordinance No. 24-008; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department is requesting authorization to fill Ten (10) of unfunded positions to address staffing needs within the department; and

WHEREAS, Council’s express approval is needed to reinstate funding for the positions; and,

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

That approximately \$403,666 of General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves may be used to reinstate ten (10) Police Officer positions as of November 1, 2024, in the Columbus Police Department with an approximate annual cost of \$692,000.

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