

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Cooper Creek Tennis Center and Park Improvements – Memorandum of Understanding with CORTA
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with CORTA for certain Cooper Creek Tennis Center and Park Improvements to be funded by CORTA. CORTA has estimated the improvements at \$2 million to be raised by CORTA. The city has allocated approximately \$5 million from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for other improvements at Cooper Creek Park to occur over the next 10 year.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CORTA for Cooper Creek Tennis Center and Park Improvements.

Background: Columbus Regional Tennis Association, Inc. (CORTA) is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that promotes and develops the growth of tennis. CORTA has made numerous contributions dating back to 1993 for the development of the Cooper Creek Tennis Center located at 4816 Milgen Road. These improvements include the addition of courts, acquisition of land for expansion, refurbishment of the clay courts, construction of a clubhouse, annual support to address needs of the facility, and many more.

Analysis: CORTA desires to make additional improvements at Cooper Creek to include gateway signage into the park, landscaping, LED lighting system for the courts, pedestrian lighting, enhance the spectator experience with terrace viewing stadium, digital scoreboard, increased parking, updated technology, etc.

Financial Considerations: CORTA has estimated the improvements at \$2 million to be raised by CORTA. The city has allocated approximately \$5 million from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for other improvements at Cooper Creek Park to occur over the next 10 years.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney’s Office has reviewed the MOU and approved as to form. City Council must approve the MOU between the City and CORTA.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CORTA for certain Cooper Creek Tennis Center and Park Improvements to be funded by CORTA.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH COLUMBUS REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION, INC. (CORTA) FOR COOPER CREEK TENNIS CENTER AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE TO BE FUNDED BY CORTA.

WHEREAS, the City owns Cooper Creek Park and Tennis Center located at 4816 Milgen Road off of Cooper Creek Parkway; and

WHEREAS, CORTA and the City have an interest in collaborating to jointly make improvements to the Cooper Creek Tennis Center and Park; and

WHEREAS, the City has allocated approximately \$5 million from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for improvements at Cooper Creek Park over the next 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, CORTA desires to raise approximately \$2 million to make improvements to the Cooper Creek Tennis Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with CORTA for certain improvements at Cooper Creek Tennis Center and Park which are to be funded by CORTA.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ December 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor