

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Wi-Fi Internet Rangers
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to allow Parks and Recreation to partner with the Columbus Technical College Wi-Fi Ranger program to have internet enabled parks so that students may come and download assignments and complete homework.
INITIATED BY:	Parks & Recreation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to allow Parks and Recreation to partner with the Columbus Technical College Wi-Fi Ranger program to have internet enabled parks so that students may come and download assignments and complete homework.

Background: The Wi-Fi Ranger is a timely response to a connectivity need for students who do not have access to Wi-Fi to complete school assignments.

Analysis: This will be a partnership with Columbus Technical College to install these units in various parks that will provide the community with valuable access to Wi-Fi access.

Financial Considerations: There will be a minimal utility cost to have this equipment in the parks. Wi-Fi Ranger devices and internet service are being paid for by Columbus Technical College.

Legal: Council must approve the acceptance of this partnership.

Recommendation: Approve partnership with Columbus Technical College to install Wi-Fi Rangers in parks to enable students who otherwise do not have access to Wi-Fi to complete schoolwork, projects, and assignments.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH WIFI RANGER TO PROVIDE WIFI IN PARKS FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE FOR SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS.

WHEREAS, Columbus Technical College desires to enter into a partnership with Parks and Recreation to provide Wi-Fi for children who might not otherwise have it to use for school assignments.

WHEREAS, Columbus Parks and Recreation will provide the parks for this partnership and Columbus Technical College will provide the equipment necessary to provide this service;

WHEREAS, this will be beneficial to all students in Muscogee County as they will be utilized at various parks throughout the city;

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a partnership with Columbus Technical College to provide Wi-Fi service in our local parks.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2020 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