

**Columbus Consolidated Government**

**Council Meeting**

**8/8/2023**

**Agenda Report # \_\_\_\_**

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**SUBJECT:** Columbus Regional Tennis Association

**INITIATED BY:** Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into a one-year contract with CORTA to award funding for Crime Prevention initiatives.

**Background:** Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has agreed to recommend the funding of \$20,000.00 to CORTA to help implement the Tennis Works program. The goal is to use tennis as an avenue to teach life skills to underserved and at-risk youth. TennisWorks directly addresses this mission. This year round program consists of an on-court tennis instruction component and an academic enrichment program. CORTA seeks to include all youth who are interested in learning the sport of tennis to have access to participate in our TennisWorks program at no charge. The Tennis Works program is a year round program for children and youth ages 5-18 from Title 1 schools. The program provides a safe and structured program and intentionally focuses on academic and social development through tennis to empower impoverished children and youth as an alternative to criminal activity and to break the cycle of generational poverty.

**Analysis:** Funds will be used to pay for quality programming as well as education for at risk individuals.

**Financial Considerations:** These funds are appropriated from the Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program and do not require a match.

**Recommendations/ Actions:** Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract with CORTA to provide funding for the TennisWorks program.

**RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CORTA FOR \$20,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE INITIATIVES OF CORTA.**

**WHEREAS**, CORTA has the TennisWorks to impact the lives of at impoverished children and youth and,

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has authorized funding under the Crime Prevention Program for this project in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the TennisWorks program.

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract through the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention with CORTA for \$20,000.00 for funding the TennisWorks program. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 budget: Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor