

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority for SPLOST Economic Development Project
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority to implement the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Economic Development project allocated a total of \$9,000,000.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority to implement the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Economic Development project allocated a total of \$9,000,000.

Background: The Development Authority (“DA”) is a public body corporate and politic created and existing pursuant to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia (O.C.G.A, Chapter 36-62), as amended (the "Act"), and an activating resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, adopted on June 2, 1972. The DA has been created to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia. The City previously designated the Authority as the agent of the City to assist the City with the planning, design, engineering, construction and development of the Muscogee Technology Park. On November 2, 2021, the voters approved a new Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax which included up to \$9,000,000 for economic development projects at MTP and other locations, targeting a project in South Columbus. The City desires to designate the DA as the agent of the City to continue to assist the City with the continued development of MTP and other economic development projects contemplated by the 2021 SPLOST.

Analysis: The City and the Development Authority have had an agreement for the development of Columbus East Industrial Park, Corporate Ridge Industrial Park, and the Muscogee Technology Park. This agreement will continue the efforts in the development of the Muscogee Technology Park.

Financial Considerations: Funding is available for infrastructure in the 2021 SPLOST Funds.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement and approve as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority to implement the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Economic Development project allocated a total of \$9,000,000.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$9 MILLION.

WHEREAS, the Development Authority has been created to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia, and

WHEREAS, the City previously designated the Development Authority as the agent of the City to assist the City with the planning, design, engineering, construction, and development of Muscogee Technology Park by Resolution No, 4-02 for the 1999 SPLOST; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the Development Authority as the agent of the City to continue to assist the City with the continued development of MTP and other economic development projects, targeting a development in South Columbus that was contemplated by the 2021 SPLOST; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, the voters approved a new Special Local Option Sales Tax, which included up to \$9,000,000 for economic development projects at MTP and other locations.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia, hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority to assist the City with further development of the Muscogee Technology Park and other locations and to target development in South Columbus.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ August 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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 _____.

