

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Lions Lease Agreement
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to amend the five-year Agreement with Columbus Lions Indoor Football Team, LLC d/b/a Columbus Lions, which is scheduled to remain in effect until 2028. The proposed amendment will include provisions regarding digital signage and grant the Lions a first refusal on any lease renewal for arena football beyond the current five-year term.
INITIATED BY:	Civic Center

Recommendation: Approval is requested to amend the five-year Agreement with Columbus Lions Indoor Football Team, LLC d/b/a Columbus Lions, which is scheduled to remain in effect until 2028. The proposed amendment will include provisions regarding digital signage and grant the Lions a first refusal on any lease renewal for arena football beyond the current five-year term.

Background: The Columbus Lions, located in Columbus starting in 2007. The league provides an alternative recreational source for the city of Columbus in the form of professional arena football.

Analysis: The Columbus Lions digital signage enhancement is expected to increase brand visibility, create new revenue potential for the Lions, and the Columbus Civic Center. Digital signage will further support community engagement and event marketing initiatives. The right of first refusal to extend the lease an additional five years under certain conditions protects the Lions' investment in the digital signage.

Financial Considerations: The Columbus Lions agrees to assume full financial responsibility for the complete repair and restoration of the digital signage.

Legal Considerations: Any lease agreement involving the City requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to amend the five-year Agreement with Columbus Lions Indoor Football Team, LLC d/b/a Columbus Lions, which is scheduled to remain in effect until 2028. The proposed amendment will include provisions regarding digital signage and grant the Lions a first refusal on any lease renewal for arena football beyond the current five-year term.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE

WHEREAS, Columbus Lions Football Team, LLC d/b/a The Columbus Lions (“the Lions”) holds a five-year lease with the Columbus Civic Center, which began in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Lions Football Team, LLC d/b/a The Columbus Lions has agreed to install digital signage located in front of the Columbus Civic Center and Ice Rink and maintain the same at its own expense; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions and the Columbus Civic Center also desire to provide an option whereby the lease can be extended by an additional five-year term under certain conditions; and,

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

The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to sign the attached amendment to the lease.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor