

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Police Department: Donation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a generous donation from the Columbus Kennel Club, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 to directly assist in providing the necessary equipment, supplies, and ongoing training for the K-9s and their handlers, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve and protect our community.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a generous donation from the Columbus Kennel Club, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 to directly assist in providing the necessary equipment, supplies, and ongoing training for the K-9s and their handlers, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve and protect our community.

Background: The Columbus Kennel Club, after many years of dedicated service and operation in Columbus, GA, has made the difficult decision to dissolve the club. With most of their active members now older and the lack of new membership, it has become increasingly challenging to continue their efforts.

In closing this chapter, the members of the Columbus Kennel Club chose to make a lasting impact by donating their remaining funds to several worthwhile organizations. We are honored that they have so graciously selected the Columbus Police Department as one of the recipients of these generous contributions.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department has recently expanded its Special Operations Unit with the addition of a four-officer K-9 Unit. These highly trained K-9s play a vital role in supporting law enforcement operations, particularly in high-risk situations where their specialized skills are essential.

Although the unit has been established, the budget for the new fiscal year did not include an increase to support the added costs of this expansion. The generous funding received will directly assist in providing the necessary equipment, supplies, and ongoing training for the K-9s and their handlers, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve and protect our community.

Financial Considerations: Approval is requested to accept a generous donation from the Columbus Kennel Club, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 to directly assist in providing the necessary equipment, supplies, and ongoing training for the K-9s and their handlers, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve and protect our community.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive the donated funds.

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necessary equipment, supplies, and ongoing training for the K-9s and their handlers, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve and protect our community.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE COLUMBUS KENNEL CLUB, INC.

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is requesting acceptance of this donation of \$5,000.00. The donation will assist in providing the necessary equipment, supplies, and ongoing training for the K-9s and their handlers, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve and protect our community; and,

WHEREAS this donation is specifically for the Columbus Police Department’s K9 Unit and will be at no cost to the Columbus Consolidated Government; and,

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude for this display of generosity.

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

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to accept donated funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Columbus Police Department.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2025 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