

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Pinegrove MSW Landfill
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the funding of the construction cost to open Phase 5/Cell 5A-5C within the Pinegrove MSW Landfill with an estimated construction cost of \$8,134,830, which will be obtained by a loan received through/from the General Fund Reserve.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the funding of the construction cost to open Phase 5/Cell 5A-5C within the Pinegrove MSW Landfill with an estimated construction cost of \$8,134,830, which will be obtained by a loan received through/from the General Fund Reserve.

Background: The Pinegrove MSW Landfill was permitted and designed for 6 Phases to be used for disposal. To expand the life of Phase 4 we applied to EPD, in 2019, to authorize a Vertical Expansion that would extend the life of Phase 4 of this landfill. We have not been permitted for this Vertical Expansion; therefore, the construction process for Phase 5 (Cell 5A-5C) of Pinegrove Landfill is necessary.

Analysis: Based on our Engineers calculations, ACC Inc., we have until January 2026, to either obtain this permitting or have Phase 5 of this landfill ready to receive solid waste.

Financial Considerations: The estimated construction cost is \$8,134,830 which will be obtained by a loan received through/from the General Fund Reserve.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the funding of the construction cost to open Phase 5/Cell 5A-5C within the Pinegrove MSW Landfill with an estimated construction cost of \$8,134,830 which will be obtained by a loan received through/from the General Fund Reserve.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF CELL FIVE (5A-5C) AT THE PINEGROVE LANDFILL, 7900 PINEGROVE WAY, AT AN ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$8,134,830.

WHEREAS the Pinegrove MSW Landfill was permitted and designed for 6 phases of use; and,

WHEREAS, to expand the life of cell 4, the current disposal location, submission was made to EPD in 2019 to extend the life of this phase by adding a vertical expansion; and,

WHEREAS, EPD has not authorized the permitting for this vertical expansion that would extend the life of phase 4 of this landfill; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined by our engineers that the current phase 4 disposal site will only be available for use up to January 2026; and,

WHEREAS it is understood that the funds needed to begin the construction of phase 5A-5C will be obtained as a loan from the general fund reserve.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to fund these construction costs from General Fund Reserves as a loan.

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 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 _____.

Lindsey McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor