

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2024 Exigent Vehicle Purchases
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested, due to on-going supply chain issues, to make “off the lot” vehicle purchases for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for the remainder of FY24, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested, due to on-going supply chain issues, to make “off the lot” vehicle purchases for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for the remainder of FY24, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.

Background: Purchasing of vehicles, whether for Public Safety or other departments, has become increasingly problematic due to supply chain issues, computer chip shortages, and other difficulties. Authorizing “off the lot” purchases will allow departments to obtain needed vehicles that cannot be delivered. Upon the receipt of specification sheet and request from a department or office of the Consolidated Government, the Fleet Management Division of Public Works will first perform a search for the requested vehicles on the sales lot of cooperative contracted dealerships. If said vehicle is not available, Fleet will perform a search for said vehicles on sales lot of dealerships within a 100-mile radius of Muscogee County to include any contiguous states.

Analysis: Orders for vehicles have been stalled for months, in some cases over a year, with no definitive timeline for delivery. This has created issues with Public Safety and other departments fulfilling their respective duties.

Financial Considerations: Only vehicles that have been budgeted and approved in FY24 will be purchased under the authorization of this Resolution due to the exigent circumstances noted above. The success of this process will be evaluated and, if needed, another separate resolution will be submitted for consideration and approval for FY2024 purchases.

Legal Considerations: Since timing may be of the essence, a vendor purchase order may be required prior to the next Council meeting if vehicles have been identified and can be purchased “off the lot” of an authorized dealership. Consequently, all vehicle purchases authorized by this Resolution with costs exceeding \$25,000 will be placed on Council agenda for informational purposes.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested, due to on-going supply chain issues, to make “off the lot” vehicle purchases for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for the remainder of FY24, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASES, DUE TO ON-GOING SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, FOR VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS PART OF THE BUDGET FOR FY2024, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VEHICLES PURCHASED USING FEDERAL FUNDS, THAT HAVE BEEN EITHER DIRECTLY AWARDED OR PASSED THROUGH ANOTHER ENTITY TO CCG.

WHEREAS, purchasing of any vehicles, whether for Public Safety or other departments has become increasingly problematic because of supply chain issues, computer chip shortages, and other difficulties to date; and,

WHEREAS, orders for vehicles have been stalled for months, in some cases over a year, with no definitive timeline for delivery thus creating issues with Public Safety and other departments fulfilling their respective duties; and,

WHEREAS, upon the receipt of specification sheet and request from a department or office of the Consolidated Government, the Fleet Management Division of Public Works will first perform a search for the requested vehicles on the sales lot of cooperative contracted dealerships. If said vehicle is not available, Fleet will perform a search for said vehicles on the sales lot of dealerships within a 100-mile radius of Muscogee County to include any contiguous states; and,

WHEREAS, only vehicles that have been budgeted and approved in FY24 will be purchased under the authorization of this Resolution due to the exigent circumstances noted above; and,

WHEREAS, since timing may be of the essence to secure a vehicle, a vendor purchase order may be issued prior to the next Council meeting if a vehicle has been identified and can be purchased “off the lot” of an authorized dealership.

WHEREAS, all vehicle purchases authorized by this Resolution with costs exceeding \$25,000 will be placed on Council agenda for informational purposes.

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

The City Manager and/or his designee is authorized to purchase vehicles “off the lot” of authorized dealerships, due to on-going supply chain issues, for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for the remainder of FY24, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor