

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) for 2024
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with CYSA for the 2024 seasons.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association to manage all aspects of the soccer program. The agreement will expire December 31, 2024.

Background: The Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex is a popular sports venue and requires dedicated management to ensure continued success. The City has had several years of experience working with Columbus Youth Soccer Association and believes that the partnership will provide for a prosperous soccer program.

Analysis: The Memorandum of Understanding will clearly define the roles and set expectations of both parties regarding the maintenance and management of the facility and soccer program.

Financial Considerations: The value of entering into the Memorandum of Understanding is indirect. By partnering with Columbus Youth Soccer Association the City will gain a seasoned program manager with no additional cost other than facility maintenance. The consistent management of the facility will bring out of town players to tournaments and clinics that the City will profit from in the form of lodging, restaurant, retail, and fuel revenue.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority for the acceptance of all Memorandums of Understanding involving the City.

Recommendation/Actions: Approve the authorization of the City Manager to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TO EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COLUMBUS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION WHEREIN COLUMBUS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION WILL EQUIP, MAINTAIN AND MANAGE SOCCER PLAY AT WOODRUFF FARM SOCCER COMPLEX IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Youth Soccer Association will manage and operate all aspects of soccer programming and provide all equipment for the soccer program; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government will maintain all eleven (11) fields, pay for the water and electricity used at Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex, and maintain the concession building; and,

WHEREAS, the combined efforts of the partnership will provide a facility that will be attractive to the promotion of tournaments as well as local leagues of various ages; and,

WHEREAS, entering into this Memorandum of Understanding will clearly define the roles of both partners with regard to soccer programming in Columbus; and,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association, wherein Columbus Youth Soccer Association will manage and operate all aspects of soccer programming and provide all equipment for the soccer program in partnership with the Columbus Consolidated Government.

This resolution shall only remain in effect until December 31, 2024.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held 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 Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor