



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0499

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving an Agreement and Request for Music Exemption with
Royal Recordings, LLC for Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort
Lauderdale Beach - **(Commission Districts 2 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion for an event agreement and request for extended hours for music, in substantially the form attached, with Royal Recordings, LLC for a music event on Fort Lauderdale Beach known as Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival.

Background

In December 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department was notified by Gregory Scott, representing Royal Recordings, LLC of their interest in hosting an inaugural Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival on Fort Lauderdale Beach. As advised by City staff, the event promoter has met with the District Commissioner and the Central Beach Alliance to share his vision.

City staff has been working closely with the event organizers regarding event topics, such as logistics, maintenance, and security as detailed below. The Police Department recommends approval of the closing of the City streets where appropriate, and event parking has been satisfactorily arranged. When applicable, amplified music was discussed, and the event organizers were advised of the noise ordinance and possible concerns.

The event organizer will pay for all event costs and submit the required certificates of insurance. The City is requiring the organizer to post an amount in escrow, equal to 110% of the City's estimated service costs. The organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Civic and merchant associations have been notified as appropriate regarding events in their areas.

Event details are below and are detailed further in Exhibit 1:

Set Up Dates: December 2, 2024 – December 5, 2024 (8:00 am – 6:00 pm)
Event Dates: December 6, 2024 – December 8, 2024 (10:00 am – 10:00 pm*)

Breakdown Dates: December 9 – December 12, 2024 (8:00 am – 6:00 pm)

*** The applicant is requesting to play amplified music past 9:00pm on Sunday, December 8, 2024.**

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the FY 2024 operating budget in the accounts listed below. In addition, the event promoter will pay all city services in the form of an escrow deposit.

Funds available as of May 6, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574-347-200- PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$90,000	\$18,450	\$200
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$200

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 3: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Commission Memo 19-076
- Exhibit 2 – Oceans of Soul Application
- Exhibit 3 – Oceans of Soul Site Plan
- Exhibit 4 – Oceans of Soul Agreement

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