



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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Approving Second Amendment to the Grant Agreement with
War Memorial Benefit Corporation for Capital Improvements on City
Owned Property Known as War Memorial Auditorium Located at 800 NE 8
Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approves a Second Amendment to the grant agreement with War Memorial Benefit Corporation (“WMBC”), a social purpose corporation of the Florida Panthers, by extending the completion deadline an additional 60 days until August 30, 2022. The grant agreement is for capital improvements, in the amount of \$800,000, for City owned property known as War Memorial Auditorium located at 800 NE 8 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

Background

On June 14, 2019, the City and WMBC entered into a lease and a grant agreement for the enhancement of War Memorial Auditorium. The Grant Agreement is a one-time expense of \$800,000 previously budgeted by the City for capital improvements for the War Memorial Auditorium. Under the project timeline outlined on Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement, the project was estimated to be completed by March 31, 2021 (Exhibit 1). On November 2, 2021, the City Commission granted an extension to the deadline due to the impact of COVID-19 significantly delaying the construction timeline via Resolution 21-242 (Exhibit 2). Construction for War Memorial is underway, WMBC is requesting an additional 60 days to finalize financial statements as part of the grant requirements. The extended deadline is August 30, 2022.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time, there are currently \$800,000 in budgeted funds in the Community Investment Plan that are allocated with this project.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan initiative, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area

- Goal 8: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 – Grant Agreement
 - Exhibit 2 – Resolution 21-242
 - Exhibit 3 – Second Amendment
 - Exhibit 4 – Resolution
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