



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0005

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Amplified Music Exemption with Performing Arts Center Authority D/B/A The Broward Center for the Performing Arts for the Broward Performing Arts Foundation Annual Benefit on March 7, 2026, on the Wendt Terraces at Broward Center for the Performing Arts - **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and request for amplified music exemption with Performing Arts Center Authority D/B/A The Broward Center for the Performing Arts, in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On December 2, 2025, Performing Arts Center Authority D/B/A The Broward Center for the Performing Arts submitted an outdoor event application for the Broward Performing Arts Foundation Annual Benefit to be held on the Wendt Terrace at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. The event began in 2020 and continues to be held annually. The application was submitted within the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is \$1,000. The event impacts begin on Saturday, March 7, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Sunday, March 8, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the January 14, 2026, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff including the Parks and Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meetings focus on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permission that require City Commission approval:

- Amplified Music Exemption – Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit 1) states that

special events are not allowed to have amplified music after 9:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday) or after 10:00 p.m. (Friday and Saturday). The event organizer is requesting an exemption to allow amplified music to be played for two (2) additional hours on March 7, 2026.

Amplified Music Exemption Request		
Date	Time Limit	Special Permission Request
Saturday, March 7, 2026	10:00 p.m.	11:59 p.m.

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement defines the responsibilities of the event organizer such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. The event organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Authorization for the execution of the event agreement is contingent upon the City Attorney's Office reviewing and approving as to form all documents prior to execution by the City Manager or designee.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of January 6, 2026</i>					
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	\$30,000	\$0	\$1,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,000

Strategic Connections

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: 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 Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area

- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum No. 19-076

Exhibit 2 – Broward Performing Arts Foundation Annual Benefit Event Agreement

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