

#21-0020

**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: January 21, 2021

**TITLE**: Motion Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Broward County,

the Performing Arts Center Authority, and Alberni, Caballero & Fierman,

LLP for Audit Services - \$18,350.50 - (Commission District 2)

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an amendment to the agreement with Broward County, ("County"), the Performing Arts Center Authority ("PACA"), and auditing firm Alberni, Caballero & Fierman, LLP, ("Alberni") for audit services of the Performing Arts Center Authority's records for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$18,350.50.

## **Background**

Chapter 2005-335, Laws of Florida, the special act that created PACA, requires that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission retain, employ, and compensate independent certified public accountants to audit PACA's records or books of account at least once yearly and at such other times as either commission deems necessary.

On June 21, 2016, CAM 16-0677, the City Commission approved a five-year agreement with the County, PACA, and auditing firm Alberni for audit services of the Performing Arts Center Authority's records for Fiscal Years ("FY") 2016 through 2020. PACA has negotiated a 5% reduction to FY 2020's audit fee, along with a one-year extension at the reduced contract rate.

The City and County are each responsible for reimbursement to PACA for one-half of the annual audit fee. Alberni's fee for the FY 2021 is \$36,701, of which the City will pay \$18,350.50.

### Resource Impact

There will be no current fiscal year impact to the City. Each fiscal year's audit will be paid for the subsequent fiscal year and will be contingent upon approval of the respective fiscal year's budget.

# Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all 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 – 2016 PACA Auditor Agreement

Exhibit 2 – First Amendment PACA Auditor Agreement

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