



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

#21-1065

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 2, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Amending 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 amend a grant agreement with War Memorial Benefit Corporation ("WMBC"), a social purpose corporation of the Florida Panthers, by extending the completion deadline until July 1, 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 September 15, 2021, the City received a letter from WMBC requesting an extension until July 1, 2022 to complete construction (Exhibit 2) due to the impact of COVID-19 significantly delaying the construction timeline. Under Article 3.3 of the Grant Agreement, the City Commission has the authority to grant an extension.

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 Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably

- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management
- Initiative 1: Achieve a structurally balanced budget through viable revenue sources, smart financial management, comprehensive financial forecasting, and results-oriented and efficient services

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 – WMBC Letter

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

Exhibit 4 – First Amendment

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