

CITY RESOLUTION NO. CR-045-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AGREEING TO PARTICPATE IN A PUBLIC PROCESS TO STUDY THE RELATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF VARIOUS POTENTIAL SITES FOR A NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND ANNOUNCING ITS INTENT TO DEFER ANY DECISION REGARDING A REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER UNTIL AFTER SAID PUBLIC PROCESS HAS CONCLUDED

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the City of Lafayette (the “City”) finds that the replacement of the Heymann Performing Arts Center presents a unique opportunity for a public project that, if done correctly, could lead to millions in accompanying private investment in the City; and

WHEREAS, a previous study on the potential location of a new performing arts center was helpful but not dispositive, as that study stopped short of comparing the relative economic development benefits of potential sites across the City; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Center for the Arts, our regional arts council, has agreed to help fund and manage an in-depth, seven-month-long public process that will study the economic impact of various potential sites across the City; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Center for the Arts has secured a commitment from James Lima Planning + Development, a nationally recognized expert in maximizing the private economic impact of public investment; and

WHEREAS, the process envisioned will ensure that all key stakeholders are included in an open and transparent public process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has resolved to fund up to \$70,000 of the estimated \$130,000 cost of this public study, contingent on matching funds from the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council thanks the Acadiana Center for the Arts for their commitment to ensuring a rigorous planning process for this major public investment in Lafayette in order to understand how this project can provide the greatest economic return on investment for our City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed “Whereas” clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette City Council hereby announces its intent to introduce an ordinance to fund 50% of the cost of the contract with James Lima Planning + Development, up to a maximum of \$70,000, whichever is less.

SECTION 3: The Lafayette City Council hereby resolves that the Lafayette City Council will not take further action on a replacement site for the current Heymann Performing Arts Center, including land acquisition, funding allocations, or procurement, until the completion of the study and accompanying public process.

SECTION 4: All resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette City Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the ____ day of _____, 2022.

VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette City Council agreeing to participate in a public process to study the relative economic impact of various potential sites for a new performing arts center and announcing its intent to defer any decision regarding a replacement of the current performing arts center until after said public process has concluded

- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of Resolution

- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL:**
 - A) INTRODUCTION: 12-06-2022
 - B) FINAL ADOPTION: 12-06-2022

- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**
 - A) Resolution
 - B) Submittal Form

- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**
 Fiscal Impact (Explain)
 No Fiscal Impact

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