

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 235-06

**A RESOLUTION**

authorizing an agreement with First Night Columbia, Inc. for support of the New Year's Eve Celebration; and authorizing the City Manager to provide City support services.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with First Night Columbia, Inc. for support of the New Year's Eve Celebration. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to provide support services for the First Night New Year's Eve Celebration within the constraints of the City budget and taking into consideration the limited resources and operational duties of the various City departments.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Counselor

Exhibit A

This agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by and between the City of Columbia, Missouri, a municipal corporation, (hereinafter "City") and First Night Columbia, Inc, a Missouri-Not-For-Profit Corporation, (hereinafter "Contractor").

The City and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

1. Contractor shall operate a public, non-profit New Year's Eve event in Downtown Columbia which shall be open to all residents of Columbia.
2. All venues shall enforce the alcohol-free policy providing an alcohol-free, safe, alternative on New Year's Eve.
3. City funds shall go towards the cost of: performance and artists' fees, visual arts projects, sound reinforcement, lighting, staging, venue rental fees, and promotions.
4. Contractor shall make the event affordable and accessible to all. Contractor may charge admission to event. Admission for the event is \$8 and children 7 and under are free.
5. Contractor will promote broad-based community participation and cultural diversity among artists and audience.
6. The City Parks and Recreation Department will deliver staging, trash cans and signboards.
7. The City will provide two city busses to transport First Night participants to the venues in downtown Columbia for the duration of the event.
8. The City will provide barricades to be used to close streets in the "safety" area for the fireworks on the streets surrounding the Courthouse Square.
9. Upon execution of this agreement, City shall pay Contractor nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).
10. This agreement shall remain in effect until September 30, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this agreement on the day and the year first above written.

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Watkins, City Manager

ATTEST:

FIRST NIGHT COLUMBIA, INC

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk


By: \_\_\_\_\_

Source

Mike Hood

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** City Manager and Staff 

**DATE:** October 18, 2006

**RE:** First Night 2007 New Year's Eve Agreement

Fiscal Impact

YES X

NO

Other Info.

**SUMMARY:** The City's Fiscal Year 2007 budget contains an appropriation of \$9,000 for the City's First Night Columbia 2007 New Year's Eve event which will be held on December 31, 2006. This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a formal agreement with First Night Inc., on behalf of the City, to conduct this event, provides for the dispersion of funds, and authorizes City services to support the event within budgetary constraints.

**DISCUSSION:** First Night Columbia is a public New Year's Eve event held in the downtown Columbia area and Stephens College which is open to all residents of the City. This event provides citizens of all ages an alcohol-free alternative to celebrate the coming of the New Year. The event is planned and operated by First Night, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation.

The Council included an appropriation of \$9,000 in the FY07 budget to help fund this event. As in the past, support services from several City Departments have been requested to assist with this event. This resolution authorizes the formal agreement between First Night, Inc. and the City, specifies how the City funds are to be spent, provides for dispersion of the funds to First Night, Inc. and authorizes the use of City resources to help support the event.

**Suggested Council Action:** Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the agreement with First Night, Inc. for the purposes of staging First Night Columbia 2007.