

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 267-07

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 _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2007, 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.
2. All venues shall enforce the alcohol-free policy to promote 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 may charge admission to event. Admission buttons purchased prior to the event are \$8.00 for those 8 years and older and children 7 and under are free. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.
5. Contractor will promote broad-based community participation and cultural diversity.
6. The City Parks and Recreation Department will deliver staging, trash cans and signboards and provide staff support for the event.
7. The City will provide two buses 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 (as indicated by the Fire Department) for the fireworks on the streets surrounding the Courthouse Square.
9. The City will provide use of Parks & Recreation facilities, pending Director approval, for First Night. This will also include use of the Amory Sports Center for the preparation and staging of the First Night event.
10. The City will provide volunteer recruitment assistance from the Office of Volunteer Services.
11. Upon execution of this agreement, City shall pay Contractor nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00).

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

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

BY: _____
H. William Watkins, City Manager

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Fred Boeckmann, City Counselor

FIRST NIGHT COLUMBIA, INC.

BY: _____

ATTEST:

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this contract is within the purpose of the appropriation to which it is to be charged, Account No. _____, and that there is an unencumbered balance to the credit of such appropriation sufficient to pay therefor.

Lori B. Fleming, Director of Finance

Source

Mike Hood

MH

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff *rlf*

DATE: November 11, 2007

RE: First Night 2008 New Year's Eve Agreement

Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

Other Info.

SUMMARY: The City's Fiscal Year 2008 budget contains an appropriation of \$9,000 for the City's First Night Columbia 2008 New Year's Eve event which will be held on December 31, 2007. 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, provide for the dispersion of funds, and authorize 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. 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. In an effort to provide accessibility to this event, 800 passes are distributed to select agencies to distribute to their clientele. In addition to this, anyone who volunteers for this event is given free admission to all other venues.

The Council included an appropriation of \$9,000 in the FY08 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 2008.