STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: May 23, 2023

Subject: Standardization Purchase of Stage Right Equipment at Harrah's Cherokee Center Asheville

Staff Resource(s): Chris Corl, Director Community & Regional Entertainment Facilities

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution and associated budget amendment authorizing the standardization purchase of Stage Right equipment in the current and future fiscal years for consistency in operation and functionality at the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville.

Background:

- The Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville (HCCA) utilizes Stage Right staging and crowd management equipment.
- It was originally purchased in 2005 following all purchasing policies and procedures at the time.
- Over time the facility has purchased additional equipment to expand rental offerings to clients through Stage Right.
- Additionally over time, some staging equipment has worn out or been damaged.
- Proposed purchase is to replace staging equipment in order to get to desired par levels of equipment inventory.
- Additionally security standards throughout the industry are ever changing necessitating the purchase of additional crowd management barricade equipment to be utilized in general admission setups for concerts.
- All additional equipment needs to interlock with current equipment, thus the request for purchase under the standardization process.
- Specific equipment to be purchased in the current fiscal year includes; Inverted "T" Blow Through Barricade, Equipment Carts (storage), Staging Legs and ADA compliant stage railings.

Council Goal(s):

- A fiscally Sound City
- Smart City

Committee(s):

- Civic Center Commission - May 2, 2023 - Discussed, no formal vote

Pro(s):

- Standardization procurement of Stage Right equipment will allow staff to purchase replacement & expansion equipment that is compatible with the staging and crowd management equipment currently owned by the Harrah's Cherokee Center Asheville.

Con(s):

- If standardization is not authorized, when needed HCCA will rent this equipment from outside vendors in order to ensure equipment used is compatible with the staging and crowd management equipment currently owned.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this purchase (estimated at $28,000) is available in the HCCA Operating Fund.
- Staff recommend making this purchase out of the HCCA Capital Fund, requiring a budget amendment.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution and associated budget amendment authorizing the standardization purchase of Stage Right equipment in the current and future fiscal years for consistency in operation and functionality at the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STANDARDIZATION PURCHASE OF STAGE RIGHT INC.EQUIPMENT IN THE CURRENT AND FUTURE FISCAL YEARS FOR CONSISTENCY IN OPERATION AND FUNCTIONALITY AT THE HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CENTER ASHEVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-129 which details the procedures for the letting of public contracts; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §143-129(e) identifies exceptions to those procedures as they relate to procurement contracts; and

WHEREAS, item (6) of N.C.G.S. §143-129(e) states that the governing body of a political subdivision of the state shall approve the purchase of apparatus, supplies, material, or equipment without formal bidding when (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration;" and

WHEREAS, Section 6.5(a) of the City of Asheville Contracting Policy states that formal bidding is not required where the City Council approves the purchase of apparatus, supplies, material or equipment where (i) Performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Harrah's Cherokee Center Asheville (HCCA) currently owns a significant inventory of Stage Right equipment utilized for events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase is to replace staging equipment in order to get to desired par levels of equipment inventory and to purchase additional crowd management barricade equipment necessitated by ever changing security standards throughout the industry and all additional equipment need to interlock with current equipment, thus the request for purchase under the standardization process; and

WHEREAS, the use of a single, standardized system for staging and crowd management with which the HCCA is already familiar, will aid in consistency of the HCCA's operations and functionality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City Council hereby authorizes the City of Asheville to purchase equipment from Stage Right Inc., as permitted under N.C.G.S. § 143-129(e)(6) for equipment standardization through 2033, the expected useful life of the Stage Right Inc. equipment utilized for staging and crowd management purposes.

Read, approved and adopted this the 23rd day of May, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO._____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE:

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Annual Operating Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $28,000 for the purchase of Stage Right equipment.

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CENTER - ASHEVILLE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Revenues:

Transfer from the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville Operating Fund	$28,000

Appropriations:

Machinery & Equipment	$28,000

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