



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ACM: Christine Taylor

DATE: September 30, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Denton and Theatre Denton, Inc., providing funding for utility services for a rehearsal space; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; approving the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The City of Denton's Public Art Policy was established to encourage the integration of public art into the daily lives of the City's citizens. One of many goals established by the policy is to promote ongoing collaboration between the City of Denton and the Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC).

In October 1990, the City signed an agreement with GDAC concerning the Denton Community Theater (DCT), commonly referred to as the Campus Theatre, located at 214 W. Hickory Street. The agreement specified that, upon the building's renovation, the City would similarly provide funds to pay for the facility's utility and maintenance expenses. Over the years, the agreements have been amended to adjust utility and maintenance funding levels. The most recent amended agreement was approved by the City Council on September 22, 2020, and is set to expire on September 30, 2025.

On September 15, 2009, the City entered into a separate agreement for DCT's new rehearsal facility (Black Box Theatre) located at 314 East Hickory Street.

On October 8, 2019, the City Council approved to amend DCT's five-year agreement and update the location of the rehearsal space to leased space at the Golden Triangle Mall. The proposed agreement replaced the previously approved amendment from 2019 and expired on September 30, 2020.

On September 22, 2020, the City Council approved Ordinance 20-1596 to renew DCT's rehearsal space agreement for another five-year term expiring on September 30, 2025.

Staff and DCT leadership have discussed the continuation of this agreement. In considering the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Staff recommends renewing the agreement for a one-year term starting on October 1, 2025, and expiring on September 30, 2026, at the current funding level of \$11,100. Staff and DCT leadership will reevaluate the utility cost and future funding amounts during the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The allocation to Denton Community Theatre (Theatre Denton, Inc.), for its rehearsal space, is \$11,100 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and has been included in the Annual Program of Services in the General Fund

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

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