

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: JUNE 27, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 10

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO GRANT FUNDS TO THE ARTS COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DOWNTOWN WINSTON-SALEM BUILDING LOCATED AT 419 SPRUCE STREET**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On December 21, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2015 Pay-Go Capital Projects Ordinance (CPO) which included \$400,000 for the Arts Council's downtown support.

On June 9, 2016, The Arts Council, Inc. requested that the \$400,000 identified in the above CPO be granted to purchase a building located at 419 Spruce Street.

The purpose of this item is to authorize execution of the necessary documents to grant the \$400,000 identified in the 2015 Pay-Go Capital Projects Ordinance to support the capital purchase.

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE:

  
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: June 22, 2016

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO GRANT FUNDS TO THE ARTS COUNCIL, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DOWNTOWN WINSTON-SALEM BUILDING LOCATED AT 419 SPRUCE STREET**

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2015 Pay-Go Capital Projects Ordinance, which includes \$400,000 for Arts Council downtown support; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arts Council Inc. considers the purchase of a building located at 419 Spruce Street in downtown Winston-Salem to be an essential piece of its downtown strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arts Council, Inc. requests a grant of the \$400,000 from the County in order to complete the purchase of the 419 Spruce Street building; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 160A-488 authorizes counties to provide support to arts programs and facilities by acquisition of buildings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman or County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, the necessary documents to grant \$400,000 to The Arts Council, Inc for the purchase of the building located at 419 Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, N.C., subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney .

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.



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**RE: \$400,000 Grant from Forsyth County**

1 message

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**Jim Sparrow**  
To: Ronda Tatum  
Cc: Victoria Homer

Tue, Jun 14, 2016 at 10:08 AM

Ronda:

Thanks for the follow up.

The funds requested would be used to purchase the building, 419 Spruce, shown and described at the briefing. The general overview was given to illustrate the overall strategy that this purchase fits into and that the purchase is the beginning of a process towards the bigger community goals of alignment and the Stevens Center's importance in that ultimate success.

The \$400,000 will be used to complete the purchase. It is a fee simple structure with no immediate extra costs for ongoing operation of the building and with steps being taken to align the best immediate short term operational course of the handful of immediate priorities while looking at the steps needed to achieve all of them over the course of the next few years. The building is an essential piece of this puzzle.

Please let me know if you would like even more detail. I am happy to forward more if it is helpful.

Best,

Jim