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Item 24-0976: Authorization to Accept Fiscal Year 2024 Federal 5339 (b) Funds for \$12,000,000 for the Whitman Facility Remodel Phase 2

Item 24-0977: Authorization to Accept Fiscal Year 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant for \$25,000,000 for the Downtown Appleton Regional Transit Multimodal Hub Item 24-0993: Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License Temporary Premises Amendment application for Fox Cities Performing Arts Center Inc d/b/a Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Maria Van Laanen, Agent, located at 400 W. College Ave, on August 21, 2024 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for outdoor cookout Event, contingent upon approval from all departments

Item 24-1036: Approve Boldt Permanent Street Occupancy Permit and Sign Permit for 5 Awnings in College Avenue Right-of-Way Associated with the Fox Commons Project Common Council

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Mayor Jake Woodford 10:28

Okay, let's get started with the items from Transit Commission, because I know we have general manager McDonald on virtually. We can get that taken care of so he can get on his way. He's at meetings off site. So, with that, let's start with item 24-0976 authorization to accept fiscal year 2024 federal 5339b funds \$12 million for the Whitman facility remodel, phase two. We have a motion. We have a motion and a second to approve. Open the floor for discussion. Alder Firkus.

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:22

Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mayor. I just want to say again that for both in this and the other transit item, great work by staff and all the people that have worked hard to make these grants possible. These are going to deliver some really great results for the community, and I'm really excited to see these projects move forward with these funds. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 11:43

Thank you. Any further discussion? Hearing none we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Schultz votes aye. That motion passes 10 to zero. That item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:08

All right. Next item from Transit Commission. Item 24-0977 authorization to accept fiscal year 2024, Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability And Equity, discretionary grant for \$25 million for the downtown Appleton regional transit multimodal hub. We have a motion and a second to approve. Open the floor for discussion. Hearing none. Please cast your votes. That motion passes 10 to zero. That item has been approved. Thank you for joining us, Ron.

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Mayor Jake Woodford 17:00

All right, we're going to stick with safety and licensing. All right. This is item 24-0993, Class B, Beer, and reserve Class B liquor license temporary premises amendment application for Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. We have a motion and a second to approve. Alder Croatt.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 17:26

Thank you, Mayor. In case anybody's wondering the really, the only reason to separate this out is to get it voted on and get it approved. Mayor, if you would maybe want to elaborate on some action that you had to take in regarding, I believe, an order that was issued.

Mayor Jake Woodford 17:43

So, I'd actually defer to the clerk on this, just to give a little bit more context from a technical perspective. So, Clerk Lynch.

Clerk Kami Lynch 17:51

Yes, so due to the timing of the filing of this application, Council—the event date for this premises amendment is today. The event started at 3pm there is a provision in our code to allow a special issuance by the mayor if they met the statutory filing requirement. Just wasn't soon enough to get the event approved before it started. So, the mayor issued the order to issue the license from the 3pm until it's approved by Council. So, once it's approved by Council, then they'll be able to operate for the remainder of their event.

Mayor Jake Woodford 18:33

And I'll just add that that when we issue these orders, I certainly don't take them lightly. So fully review the application and ensure that we have internal recommendations for approval, that the event or the application is compliant, and also take into consideration the requester terms of history with operating events. So, there is due diligence when these orders are issued, and it's not taken lightly. It's also something that I follow up with folks about in terms of timing, to make sure that they allow plenty of time for processing, but in this case, weighing all of the various considerations, I did exercise the authority granted to me to issue this order.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 19:25

Thanks for that explanation.

Mayor Jake Woodford 19:27

We do have a—is there any further discussion? We have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. All right, that motion passes 10 to zero. The item has been approved, and as of 7:33 and five seconds, they are they are operating with your blessing. So, with that, we will move along.

Mayor Jake Woodford 20:03

Let's take care of the Municipal Services item. All right, this is item 24-1036, approve Boldt permanent street occupancy permit and sign permit for five awnings in College Avenue right of way associated with the Fox Commons project. We have a motion and a second to approve Any discussion. Alder Fenton.

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 20:34

Thank you, Your Honor. With the—at the request of staff, I'd like to amend this approval to read "approval shall be conditioned on the completion of site restoration of the blue ramp site in accordance with the existing site use agreement."

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Mayor Jake Woodford 20:53

We have a motion to amend. We have a second for that amendment. Any discussion of the amendment? Hearing none—oh, Alder Fenton, go ahead.

Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 21:09

Just—and I will defer.

Mayor Jake Woodford 21:11

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Alderperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 21:12

Sorry, I'm loud enough. I will defer to Director Homan if I get any of this wrong, but the bottom line as I understand it, is the developers have been—exceeded the time that they had to stage equipment on the blue ramp. They've not met the deadline for restoration of that site, so we're amending this special use permit to use a little leverage on them.

Mayor Jake Woodford 21:46

All right. Any further discussion on the amendment? Please cast your votes. Schultz. All right, we got you. Alder Schultz. That motion passes 10 to zero. The item has been amended.

Mayor Jake Woodford 22:12

Further discussion on the item as amended? All right, hearing none, please cast your votes. Alder Schultz votes aye. Motion passes 10 to zero. The item has been approved.