RESOLUTION R-5658

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AUTHORIZING A 10-YEAR COVENANT ON THE KIRKLAND PERFORMANCE CENTER PROPERTY TO ENSURE A GATHERING SPACE FOR ARTS, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC EXPERIENCES.

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has and continues to invest and be interested in the artistic and cultural development of the city and community; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the Kirkland Performance Center property and facility, addressed as 350 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland, WA 98033 (Property), which is on a portion of a larger parcel comprising Peter Kirk Park and other improvements on King County Assessor's Parcel No. 052505-9029; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained and operated the Property in partnership with the eponymous non-profit organization, the Kirkland Performance Center (KPC), since 1993 to ensure arts and cultural programming in Kirkland and to provide a vibrant gathering space where individuals come together to explore creative expression, engage in meaningful dialogue, celebrate cultural diversity, access performing arts education, and forge lasting connections within the community; and

WHEREAS, the KPC is organized for the express purpose of operating a performing arts center; and

WHEREAS, the City's Resolution R-5315 approved the current lease agreement with the KPC to operate the facility through 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Property is now nearing 30 years since construction of the facility and some essential fixtures and equipment are nearing or exceeding the useful life; and

WHEREAS, the KPC, with support from the City, successfully obtained a grant from the Washington State Legislature, to be granted through the Department of Commerce, for \$1,249,360 to provide funding for essential repairs and upgrades to ensure safe and modern operation of the Property for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, to support the state grant, the City committed \$1,269,207 of one-time contingent matching funding to contribute towards the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce requires that grant recipients demonstrate that funded projects will be used for a minimum of 10 years but the KPC's current lease agreement with the City does not have a term sufficient to meet the State's requirements; and

WHEREAS, as the owners of the property, the City may satisfy the State's requirement by agreeing to a covenant on the Property to commit to the Property serving as a gathering space for arts, cultural, and civic experiences for a period of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to support the repairs and upgrades that the KPC desires to construct on the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute with the Department of Commerce a 10-year covenant, or similar document, on the Kirkland Performance Center property, addressed as 350 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland, WA 98033, upon approval of the covenant by the city attorney's office and the Department of Commerce.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19th day of November, 2024.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of November, 2024.

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth Adkisson, Acting City Clerk