



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Jordan Bradford III
Council President

DATE:

November 26, 2025

SUBJECT:

Motion to terminate the lease between the City of Bay St. Louis and the Alice Moseley Folk Art & Antique Museum effective February 28, 2026 for a portion of the 2nd floor of the Historic BSL Train Depot.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of the events and communications regarding The Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum lease and to outline the reasons prompting my motion.

Report

As you all know, we have spent a considerable amount of time negotiating leases for city owned buildings. I would like to recap the series of events that have led me to call for this motion regarding The Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum. One of the criteria we all agreed upon was that financial statements must be provided for any entity to be considered for an in-kind rate. A request for this documentation was made on August 21, 2025, and the information was later received on September 15th.

On September 21st, we received an email from The Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum Chairman, Dennis Smith, respectfully requesting that “as of today, all correspondence be directed to me and copied to Lonnie Falgout. I have also asked Lonnie to be responsible for written and verbal communications between the Museum and local authorities concerning museum activities and projects. Since I do not live in the Bay area” Once this correspondence was received, we moved forward with hosting a workshop, which took place on October 13th.

At the conclusion of the workshop, we requested that The Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum provide updated information based on what was presented and questioned during that meeting. After the workshop, I had numerous conversations with Mr. Lonnie Falgout, most of which ended with a reminder that we could not move forward or have any discussion as a Council until the updated information was received. In addition to these verbal conversations, I emailed Mr. Falgout on three separate occasions requesting the updates once on October 17th, November 3rd, and most recently on November 18th, when I asked that the updates be submitted by November 26th.

Due to the failure to provide the requested updates, I have added the following motion to terminate the lease between the City of Bay St. Louis and the Alice Moseley Folk Art & Antique Museum effective February 28, 2026 for a portion of the 2nd floor of the Historic BSL Train Depot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Bradford III

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