



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Suzuki Talent Education of Appalachia, Inc.

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:
Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the City of Kingsport will enter into a lease agreement with Suzuki Talent Education of Appalachia, Inc., a non-profit organization, for approximately 690 square feet of space within the Renaissance Center at an annual rent payment of \$3,221.72.

Suzuki Talent Education of Appalachia has an established presence in the community, providing music education, performances, and cultural programming that align with the City’s strategic focus on enhancing cultural and recreational opportunities. Their continued occupancy at the Renaissance Center supports ongoing access to arts education and contributes to the vibrancy of the facility as a community center.

The proposed lease term runs through April 1, 2027, with the option for two additional one-year renewals. The agreement allows for use of designated office space, shared common areas, and limited access to additional rooms for programming and events. The organization is active and has filed their annual report with the secretary of state. This lease represents no significant changes from their prior lease agreement adopted in 2021.

This lease ensures continued activation of the Renaissance Center through consistent programming, community engagement, and support of the arts.

- Attachments:**
- 1. Resolution
 - 2. Lease Agreement

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