



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Kingsport City Schools Designating the Civic Auditorium as a KCS Facility

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

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Staff Work By: Committee
Presentation By: M. Borders/J. Nash

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

If approved the Civic Auditorium located at 1550 Fort Henry Drive will be designated as a Kingsport City School (KCS) facility beginning November 1, 2023.

On July 22, 2022, KCS received a report addressing the structural integrity of the Buck Van Huss Dome from Thompson and Litton Architects. KCS immediately restricted occupancy of the Dome. Since that time KCS physical education classes and after school activities have taken place at the Civic Auditorium.

Since this time KCS has been the primary user of the Civic Auditorium. A KCS facility study was presented jointly to the BMA and School Board in April of 2023. Dobyns-Bennett (DB) is projected to be at 95% capacity in school year 2027-2028. The industry standard for maximum efficiency for school programming is 85%. The Civic Auditorium is estimated to have a capacity of 250 students for classroom programming which would decrease projected utilization to 86%. KCS programmatic use of the Civic Auditorium will decrease future capital costs related to a potential DB expansion to address capacity issues.

Due to changes in state law in 2023 additional safety requirements have been mandated by the State of Tennessee. This change will allow KCS to secure DB's campus and the facility itself.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes establishing KCS' responsibility for operation and capital expenses, continued use of the site by the Sullivan County Election Commission, continued public use of the Convenience Center, continued use of the main gymnasium by the public when not in use by KCS, no interior or exterior alterations without approval by the City Manager, continued use of the facility for Parks and Recreation programming and other stipulations.

The MOU will remain in effect until 90 days written notice by the city or mutual agreement by the City and KCS.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—
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