



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 10/13/2026

**REQUESTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-86: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE SOONER THEATRE OF NORMAN INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,286.00 TO ASSIST WITH THE OPERATION OF THE SOONER THEATRE. (WARD 4)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

During the budgeting process for fiscal year 2026-2027 (FYE 2027), the City Council allocated an amount of \$380,043.00 to contribute to Arts, Culture, and Event Organizations, with individual distributions from said allocation to be issued by the Board of Parks Commissioners (the "Board") at their regularly scheduled meeting in August of each year. Organizations are required to apply to the Board for funding disbursements and demonstrate the extent of financial support requested for the upcoming funding year. One such organization was the Sooner Theatre of Norman, Inc., and the Board approved a disbursement of \$109,286.00 at its October 1, 2026, meeting.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The FYE 2027 Funding Disbursement Agreement (the "Agreement"), which comes before Council at this time, is the same basic form agreement for all organizations. The Agreement provides that the Sooner Theatre will use City funds of \$109,286.00 to assist with the operation of the Sooner Theatre, including support for utilities costs, and to provide cultural, entertainment, educational, or public service events benefiting the community at such location.

The Agreement includes a reporting procedure by the organization to the Council of expenditures of the funds in an amount not to exceed \$109,286.00. The Agreement also provides for cancellation by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice. Specifically, it provides for the cancellation and return of any unexpended funds should the agency fail to use the funds for their intended purpose, or if the organization is dissolved or ceases to exist at any time during the contract period.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Funding Disbursement Agreement submitted herewith be approved. Funds for \$109,286.00 should be disbursed from Park Board Miscellaneous Services-Contributions (account number 10770284-44741).