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ORDINANCE

**APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MAIN PLAZA
CONSERVANCY, A 501 (C) (3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
PROVIDING MANAGEMENT, EVENT PROGRAMMING, AND
CONCESSIONS IN MAIN PLAZA FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM. THE
CITY WILL PROVIDE \$250,000 ANNUALLY TO SUPPORT THE
PROGRAMMING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PLAZA.
FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IS AVAILABLE IN THE
GENERAL FUND AND \$50,000 IN THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX
FUND FY 2025 ADOPTED BUDGET.**

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WHEREAS, in 2008, City Council approved a five-year management agreement with Main Plaza Conservancy (MPC) to be responsible for programming and maintenance within Main Plaza. MPC's specific responsibilities included event scheduling and promotion, selection and management of quality concession operators, daily grounds cleaning, and maintenance of landscape, fountains, lighting and public restrooms. That agreement was extended for five additional years; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, City Council approved a six-year extension agreement to the management contract though the City took over responsibility for landscaping and maintenance of the improvements within the Plaza. The current agreement has expired and the City and MPC have negotiated a five-year extension for Council's consideration; and

WHEREAS, in addition, funding support of \$50,000, annually, from the Hotel Occupancy Tax will support production of The Saga;

WHEREAS, in the FY 2023 budget process, a capital project was initiated to resolve ADA violations and maintenance issues in Main Plaza. The budget for the Main Plaza capital project is \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, the MPC and its Board subsequently advocated for broader improvements beyond what was envisioned and budgeted for by the City. In working with MPC and the project architect, a schematic design was developed that incorporated the Conservancy's priorities. Those enhancements include a food and beverage building with a multi-use covered outdoor area to accommodate outdoor dining and function as a stage during activations; and

WHEREAS, the MPC's scope also includes the replacement of the existing rigging or structure that houses the projectors for the SAGA show. These enhancements are expected to increase the overall project cost by \$5 million. MPC has committed to funding those improvements.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Center City Development and Operations Department or designee is authorized to execute an agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Main Plaza Conservancy, a 501(c) (3), to provide event programming and concessions within Main Plaza. The agreement establishes a structure for the Conservancy to fundraise and contribute toward improvements to the Plaza that are priorities for the Conservancy. The City will provide \$250,000 annually to support the programming and management of the plaza. Funding is available in the General Fund and the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget. Funding for future years is contingent on City Council approval of the annual budget. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Exhibit I**.

SECTION 2. Funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 1902010001 and General Ledger 5203020 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

SECTION 3. Funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 29006000, Cost Center 8520690024 and General Ledger 5407030 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

SECTION 4. Additional funding is contingent upon City Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 and subsequent budgets that fall within the contract terms of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Payment is authorized to Main Plaza Conservancy and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

SECTION 6. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of April, 2025.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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