

4/28/2015

**45-R-15**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Initiate a Request for Qualifications Process for a Theatre in a City Building Located on Howard Street**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns certain real property located at 721-723 Howard Street and 717 Howard Street in Evanston, Illinois (PIN: 11-30-124-027-0000; 11-30-124-026-0000; 11-30-124-025-0000; 11-30-124-024-0000); and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to support and create opportunities for the performing arts in its commercial corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to attract theatrical and performing arts professionals to operate in a City-owned performing arts space at the 721-723 Howard and 717 Howard Street (“the proposed Howard Street Theatre”) through a transparent, and competitive process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee recommended on April 22, 2015 that the City engage in a qualifications process that seeks to identify a credible and capable performing arts operator to partner with the City to develop the proposed Howard Street Theatre.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to draft an application and guidelines for determining qualified performing arts professionals to operate in the proposed Howard Street Theatre at 721-723 Howard Street and 717

Howard Street, disseminate said application and guidelines publicly, and solicit responses seeking qualified performing arts professionals for the proposed Howard Street Theatre space.

**SECTION 2:** This resolution authorizes the City Manager to review responses of qualifications for performing arts groups seeking to locate in the proposed Howard Street Theatre.

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution 45-R-15 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

  
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: May 11, 2015