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ORDINANCE NO. 2992

J. Ronald Colyer
City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS TO PROCEED WITH A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA) FOR AN 'OUR TOWN' GRANT

WHEREAS, Columbia has in recent years undergone a cultural transformation with the emergence of groups such as Art on the Bluffs and Actor's Attic encouraging artistic expression and bringing the arts to broader public audiences through venues such as the annual Art Walk and the Columbia Theatre Project;

WHEREAS, through the "Our Town" program, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core;

WHEREAS, an "Our Town" grant will enable the City of Columbia to invest in creative and innovative projects in which the community, together with local arts organizations and artists, may seek to:

- Improve the local quality of life;
- Encourage greater creative activity;
- Foster stronger community identity and a sense of place;
- Revitalize economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City is exploring ways to partner with both Art on the Bluffs and Actor's Attic to undertake community arts and cultural planning (as part of the ongoing revision of the City's Master Plan) and to find ways to increase the visibility of the fine and performing arts in public venues, as well as facilitating appreciation of the arts by a broader portion of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The Director of Community & Economic Development and the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, any and all grant application forms and other documents required to be submitted by the City in order to apply to the National Endowment for the Arts for a grant of up to \$75,000; and, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same and affix thereto the corporate seal of the City, in as many counter parts as the Mayor shall decide.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Alderman Agne moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Niemietz, and the roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Huch and Reis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Aldermen Roessler and Mathews.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 7th day of January, 2013.



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:



J. RONALD COLYER, City Clerk

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