



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Convention and Visitors Bureau

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2026

Re: Authorizing A Special Event Operations Agreement with FPC Live, LLC for two Central Bank Downtown Live outdoor concerts.

Impacted Ward: Ward 1

Executive Summary

This resolution authorizes the operations agreement for an outdoor concert on April 17 and May 8, 2026 in downtown Columbia outside The Blue Note located at 17 N. Ninth Street. Per Section 24-73(b) of the City Code, an agreement must be executed between the City Manager and Organizer because of the street closures and requirements of city services, equipment or support that is outside the ordinary course of business of the city.

Discussion

FPC Live, LLC (dba The Blue Note) has submitted a special event application for two outdoor concerts on Ninth Street as a part of the 2026 Central Bank Downtown Live series. The concerts are ticketed events with gates opening at approximately 6:00 p.m. and the concert ending at approximately 11:00 p.m. Peak attendance is estimated at 3,000.

Ninth Street will be closed from Broadway to Walnut. No Thru Traffic signage will be placed at Ninth & Broadway, with channelizers placed in the north turn lane on Broadway. All alleys and points of egress within the closure will be secured with a combination of bike rack barricades, snow fencing and vehicular barricades. All street barricades will be compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

During set up, off-duty officers will assist with traffic flow for Simmons Bank and Commerce Bank. Pedestrian traffic will remain open until 4:30 p.m. at which time they will be directed to the main entrance at the north end of Ninth at Walnut.

The City Special Events Committee has been working with the Organizer to address all aspects of the event and its impact to the city. This includes event layout, street closures, parking & traffic plans, emergency & public safety plans, food service & alcohol management plans, utilities, solid waste plan, and insurance. The committee will continue to work with the organizer prior to the start of the event, including a walk-through inspection, to ensure all aspects of the Operations Agreement are met and approved by the appropriate City staff to ensure a safe and successful event.

The City Council's approval of the Operations Agreement will also serve as approval for excluding the closed location from the open container ordinance and downtown area noise ordinance. Alcohol consumption will be permitted only within the areas identified in the Street Closures, Traffic, and Parking Restrictions section of Exhibit A.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
5.19.25	R-68-25: Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC LIVE, LLC for a Central Bank Downtown Live outdoor concert event on Ninth Street. (October 2)
4.8.25	R48-25: Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC LIVE, LLC for a Central Bank Downtown Live outdoor concert event on Ninth. (July 23)
3.4.25	R30-25: Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC LIVE, LLC for a Central Bank Downtown Live concert on Ninth Street. (May 1, May 29 and Sept. 2)
5.7.2024	R104-24: Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC LIVE, LLC for Central Bank Downtown Live outdoor concert events on Ninth Street.
3.7.2024	R63-24: Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC LIVE, LLC for a Central Bank Downtown Live (formerly Summerfest) outdoor concert event on Ninth Street.
3.23.2023	R54-23: Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC Live, LLC for four (4) 2023 Summerfest Concert Series events to be held on Ninth Street between Broadway and Walnut Street.
6.21.2022	R85-22: Granting temporary waivers from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages and Section 16-258 of the City Code to allow amplified sound exceeding a distance of 100 feet for two (2) Ninth Street Summerfest events.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the legislation.