



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Convention and Visitors Bureau

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

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

Executive Summary

This resolution authorizes the operations agreements for three outdoor concerts on May 1, 2025, May 29, 2025 and September 2, 2025 in downtown Columbia outside The Blue Note located at 17th 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 special event applications for three concerts on Ninth Street as a part of the 2025 Central Bank Downtown Live series. The concerts are ticketed events with gates opening at approximately 6:00 p.m. and the concerts ending at approximately 11:30 p.m. Peak attendance at each of these events is estimated at 3,000.

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 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).

Off-duty officers will assist with traffic flow for Simmons Bank and Commerce Bank north on Ninth Street during setup. Pedestrian traffic will remain open until 4:30 p.m. at which point they will be directed to the main entrance at the north end of the block at Ninth & 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, the 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 locations from the open container and downtown area noise ordinances. In accordance with Section 16-258.1, this specific noise ordinance does not apply to sounds generated during an event or activity for which the City Council has authorized a street closure.



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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
5.7.2024	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.
5.2.2022	R59-22: 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.
8.2.2021	R133-21: Granting temporary waivers from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for a Ninth Street Summerfest event.
5.17.2021	R78-21: Granting temporary waivers from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for 2021 Ninth Street Summerfest events to be held in July, August, September and October.



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3.16.2020	R40-20: Granting temporary waivers from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for three (3) Ninth Street Summerfest.
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Suggested Council Action

Approval of the legislation.