

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3489

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL CATEGORY GRANT APPLICATION AND EARMARKING FUNDING FOR SCOPE OF WORK OUTLINED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SANFORD CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM RESTORATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND FUTURE FUNDING AND PROCUREMENT ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE GRANT FUNDING PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Sanford ("City") owns and maintains the Civic Center Auditorium ("Auditorium"), a facility that serves the cultural, civic, and community needs of the residents of the City of Sanford; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, administers the Special Category Grant Program, which provides financial assistance to eligible applicants for the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and interpretation of historical and cultural resources in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the Civic Center Auditorium is a significant civic and cultural resource and that the submission of a Special Category Grant application for the preservation and improvement of said facility is in the best interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize the submission thereof and designate an authorized representative to execute all documents related to the application and, if awarded, the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit the Special Category Grant application and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, provides state funds to governments to preserve and promote Florida's historical and archaeological resources; and

WHEREAS, The Sanford Civic Center is an outstanding example of mid-century modern civic architecture, located at 401 Seminole Boulevard, serving as a cultural and architectural landmark; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanford recognizes the historical and architectural importance of the Civic Center Auditorium Restoration Project and the community's interest in restoring the original auditorium dramatic windows configuration; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Civic Center serves the best interests of and public purpose the City of Sanford and its residents by preserving an important architectural and historic landmark, and such work would not be feasible without the funding support provided under the Special Category Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the required 50% match under the Special Category Grant Program will be available and unencumbered at the time of the grant award to the City of Sanford and 25% is available at time of application; and

WHEREAS, funding provided under the Special Category Grant Program is sufficient and will be available to complete the Civic Center Auditorium Restoration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanford desires to submit a grant application to the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, for funding assistance under the Special Category Grant Program for the Civic Center Auditorium Restoration and to earmark the funds for this specific project; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of Sanford have the authority to adopt resolutions authorizing the submission of grant applications and to direct the use of appropriated funds for specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of Sanford hereby authorizes the submission of a Special Category Grant application to the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, for the purpose of further maintaining this historic structure, and direct that any funds awarded under this grant be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of Sanford hereby authorize and delegate authority to the City Manager to execute and submit the grant application for and in the name of the City of Sanford to the Department of State, Division of Historical

Resources, along with any other necessary documents, forms, or certifications associated with the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Legislative Findings And Intent.

The recitals and findings contained in the foregoing preamble are adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. Authorization to Implement.

The City Commission hereby authorizes and approves the submission of a Special Category Grant application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, for financial assistance in connection with the preservation, restoration, and/or rehabilitation of the City of Sanford Civic Center Auditorium, subject to applicable matching requirements.

The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City as the authorized representative for all purposes related to the Special Category Grant application, including, without limitation, the execution and submission of the grant application, and, if the grant is awarded, the execution of a grant agreement with the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, and any amendments, certifications, assurances, or other documents required thereunder, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

The City Manager is further authorized to take all actions and to execute all documents necessary to implement and carry out the purposes of this Resolution, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to legal form.

Section 3. Conflicts.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability.

If any section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or

impair the validity, force or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2026.

City Commission of the City of Sanford

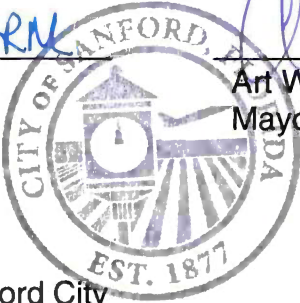
Attest:

Traci Houchin

Traci Houchin, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

Art Woodruff

Art Woodruff
Mayor



For use and reliance of the Sanford City Commission only. Approved as to form and legality.

Lindsay N. Greene

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City Attorney



APPROVED

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Item No. <u> 9.B </u>

**CITY COMMISSION MEMORANDUM 26-129
JUNE 22, 2026 AGENDA**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
PREPARED BY: Eileen Hinson, AICP, MSSR – Director of Planning
 Julie Adams Scofield, AICP – Historic Preservation Planner
SUBMITTED BY: Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., ICMA-CM, City Manager
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2026-3489; Special Category Grant Application; Civic Center Auditorium Restoration; Matching Funds

SYNOPSIS:

Requesting to approve Resolution 2026-3489, authorizing submittal of a Special Category Grant application for the Civic Center Auditorium Restoration and authorizing the required matching funds.

FISCAL/STAFFING STATEMENT:

The Special Category Grant Program requires a 50% match, with 25% available at the time of application and the remaining 25% available and unencumbered at the time of award. Funding for the City’s match will be earmarked for the Civic Center Auditorium Restoration project and incorporated into the appropriate budget upon award. The application seeks funding for the maximum award.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sanford owns and maintains the Civic Center Auditorium, a mid-century modern civic facility located at 401 Seminole Boulevard. The building serves cultural, civic, and community functions and is recognized as an important architectural and historic resource.

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, administers the Special Category Grant Program, which provides financial assistance for the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and interpretation of historic resources. The City seeks to restore the Civic Center Auditorium, including the historically significant dramatic window configuration, consistent with the scope of work outlined in the grant application.

The grant program requires governing body authorization for application submittal and designation of an authorized representative. Resolution No. 2026-3489 authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to submit the application and execute all required documents. It also authorizes the earmarking of matching funds necessary to meet program requirements.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney’s Office has assisted in drafting the resolution and has no legal objection, subject to all procurement and contracting activities being conducted in accordance with controlling Florida law and the City’s Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends that the City Commission adopt Resolution No. 2026-3489 authorizing the submission of the Special Category Grant application for the Civic Center Auditorium Restoration and authorizing the required matching funds.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

“I move to approve Resolution No. 2026-3489, as presented.

Attachments: Resolution No. 2026-3489