



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Based on the terms of this Substitute Alternate resolution (originally presented to the Common Council on December 14, 2010 and commonly referred to as "Version 5") the City would acknowledge transfer of ownership of the Overture Center facility to a private nonprofit organization and would commit to an annual subsidy of \$2,000,000 beginning in 2012, contingent upon the satisfaction of all past debt obligations associated with the facility's construction and refinancing. The subsidy would be for both operating and capital costs associated with the facility. This annual support level represents an increase of approximately \$700,000 per year when compared to the \$1,297,473 budgeted in 2011 for Overture. In future years, the amount of financial support would be adjusted for inflation.

Additional costs associated with the payout of accrued employee benefits to current City employees working at Overture Center would be incurred by the City in 2011, 2012 and future years, as employees move from City positions to positions with the new Overture Center owner. Based on the agreement, at least \$163,000 of costs associated with prior pension liability, accrued vacation and comp time benefits would be incurred by the City in 2012. The amount and timing of any additional costs related to the payout of accrued sick leave and future pensions would be determined as a result of required negotiations between the City and Local 60. Additional costs associated with those negotiations cannot be predicted at this time.

The proposed agreement also acknowledges that the new owner of Overture Center may request the City to provide a loan to assist in the financing of future capital maintenance costs. It is anticipated that, if the City agrees to such an arrangement, the loan repayment terms could be structured so that the City's cost of funds could be fully recovered.

Title

SUBSTITUTE ALTERNATE WITH FRIENDLY AMENDMENT Acknowledging private ownership and operation of the Overture Center, establishing a City commitment to future grants to Overture subject to annual appropriation, and setting terms and conditions for such grants.

Body

Whereas, a group of generous community members have come forward and reached an agreement with the Overture Center's lenders to resolve the Center's remaining debt, and,

Whereas, under that agreement, the 201 State Foundation or the Overture Development Corporation ("ODC"), or their successors, will become the owner ~~and/or operator~~ and/or both of the Overture Center facility upon payment to the Overture lenders before December 30, 2010, and,

Whereas, the City has been informed that the debt will be paid, which payment also will release the City from any potential liability on its limited pledge guaranty related to the Overture debt, and,

Whereas, an interest in the long-term success of the Overture Center is shared by everyone in our community, and City support for the arts serves a public purpose through increased cultural education and economic development.

Now therefore be it resolved that the city of Madison thanks the donors for their extraordinary generosity in supporting Overture as a vital community asset, and,

Be it further resolved that the city acknowledges the ownership change of the facility, and, contingent upon the

debt on the Overture Facility being fully paid, waives and releases its option to purchase the facility for one dollar, and,

Be it further resolved that the city pledges its financial support for Overture in the form of a grant to 201 State Foundation, Inc., or its successors or assigns ("201"), subject to annual appropriation, starting at ~~\$2.5 Million (Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars)~~ \$2.0 Million (Two Million Dollars) per year in 2012 and adjusted by the change in Consumer Price Index methodology in the State's Expenditure Restraint Program each year thereafter, the purpose of the grant being to support the Overture Arts Facility in an amount approximately equal to the former City subsidy (\$1.3 million per year) and an amount for long-term capital maintenance costs (\$700,000 per year), and,

Be it further resolved that as conditions of the grant, 201 shall provide the following to the city:

1. An annual payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT), starting at \$500,000 per year in 2012 and adjusted annually by the same method as the grant described above. In the event that the City grant falls short of the full amount as described above, 201 may reduce the amount of the PILOT by an amount equivalent to the shortfall.

2. 1. An annual audit, performed by an independent CPA selected by 201 and conducted in accordance with GAAP.

2. An annual plan with objectives with respect to fund-raising, paid attendance, non-paid or reduced price attendance, seats sold, community programs and program diversity.

3. An annual report to the community comparing actual results of the objectives described in the annual plan, the causes of any failures to meet those objectives, and strategies to meet objectives in the future.

4. The other terms and conditions set forth on Exhibit A to this resolution.

Be it further resolved that the city intends to end its operation and cooperation agreement with the Madison Cultural Arts District as of ~~June 30, January 1, 2012~~, with current employees staying under that agreement until that date, after which 201 State Foundation or Overture Development Corporation or their successors shall be the employer of any personnel working at Overture, and,

Be it further resolved, the City may negotiate MOUs with Local 60 to allow for bumping into City employment at any time during the transition period, and may negotiate a limit on applicants to Local 60 vacancies to Local 60 employees, and

Be it further resolved, the City may determine to make further payments to City employees who transfer to 201 to make up for lost accrued benefits such as sick leave with the directions to the Mayor for such negotiations set out in Exhibit B to this Resolution, and,

Be it further resolved, that the City, through the Mayor's office and the HR Director, shall enter into negotiations with AFSCME Local 60, and such negotiations shall generally include issues related to the transition of employees at Overture Center (including hourly employees as applicable) as it moves to private ownership and operation on January 1, 2012, and shall include the following topics:

1. Allowing Local 60 members to bump into City employment at a time prior to or after the transition date of January 1, 2012.

2. Establishing a limit on applicants for City vacancies in Local 60 positions to Local 60 employees.

3. Establishing a severance payment in recognition of the loss of City benefits, including sick leave, pension or other benefits, for Local 60 employees who choose to move to employment with the 201 State Foundation.

4. Consideration of other ways in which the City can increase the likelihood that employees who wish to stay with the City will find acceptable placement in a position that minimizes negative impacts on other City employees, including offering training classes to these employees.

Be it further resolved, that the HR Director shall also enter into negotiations with IATSE Local 251 over transition issues at Overture, and,

Be it further resolved, that it is the intent and desire of the City that the results of any negotiations with Local 60, to the extent applicable, shall also be applied to non-represented City employees who are currently working at Overture, with the overall goal of avoiding City layoffs, and that the HR Director shall brief the Board of Estimates on the progress of negotiations before any agreement is reached.

Be it further resolved, that in future years, if 201 needs additional financial assistance for capital maintenance costs, 201 may request and the City will consider, subject to appropriation and approval of the Common Council, to make a loan or loan(s) to 201. Any such loan will be secured by a mortgage on the facility owned by 201, and repayment of the loan may be by a reduction in future grants from the City to 201, If payment is made by a reduction in grants, such reduction will not allow 201 to reduce its PILOT payment.

Be it finally resolved that the Mayor and city clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents with 201 State Foundation, Overture Development Corporation and the Madison Cultural Arts District, all in a form approved by the city attorney, as shall be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

EXHIBIT A TO SUBSTITUTE ALTERNATE OVERTURE RESOLUTION

1. The City and 201 State Foundation Inc., or its successors or assigns ("201") will enter into two contracts. The first is a Long-Term Structural Contract further describing the terms and conditions of City support for Overture. The second will be an Annual Performance Contract containing terms that may change from year to year, but will establish measurable standards of performance for 201, as set forth herein.

2. Annual Performance Contract: 201 and the City will annually enter into a contract that sets forth the City financial support for 201, and establishes measurable performance standards for 201, as the City does with other grant recipients from the City. The Performance Contract may incorporate some or all of the annual plan prepared by 201, and shall include other terms, such as the following elements:

- a. 201's commitment to develop and revise a strategic plan.
- b. 201's commitment to educational and community programming, including free or reduced programs and outreach, with measurable objectives for meeting its goals.
- c. Goals for fund-raising from outside sources.
- d. A commitment to create an endowment or capital reserve fund and estimated times and amounts to be raised for the fund.
- e. Standards for financial viability.
- f. Creation of an institutional marketing plan and annual measurable objectives toward meeting that plan.

On at least an annual basis, City staff and 201 staff will review progress toward the goals, objectives and

standards set out in the agreement, and may modify the agreement on an annual basis as needed. The Annual Contract shall be presented to the Common Council for approval prior to consideration of the City's Operating Budget.

3. Long-Term Structural Contract: The Structural Contract will contain the following terms and conditions:

A. The transition date to operations by 201 will be January 1, 2012.

B. The City and 201 recognize the likely use of a condominium project to allow MMoCA to own its museum as unit 1, with 201 owning the unit 2.

C. The City agrees to and acknowledges the naming rights limitations applicable to the Overture Center, and will not challenge those rights in the future.

D. The City will be granted a right of first refusal to purchase the unit 2 at the price agreed to by either 201 or ODC should either ever seek to sell the facility in the future to a third party. Transfers of the property between ODC and 201 shall not trigger the City's right of first refusal.

E. 201 will adopt a governance model that includes a Board of Directors consisting of not less than 20 nor more than 25 directors, with a number of public representatives chosen by the City of Madison that is proportionate to the City's net financial contribution to the total expenditures made for the operation of the Overture Center, provided, however, that the number of public representatives chosen by the City shall be at least three (3). One of those public representatives would be the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. The remaining number of public representatives would be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. One of the public representatives, chosen by the City, would serve on the Executive Committee of the Board.

F. 201 will adopt bylaws that reflect its commitment to a public meeting policy, substantially on the following terms: As a private corporation, 201 is not subject to the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Nonetheless, 201 agrees to adopt a public meeting policy to provide transparency and public access to its decision-making. Meetings of the 201 Board of Directors and Executive Committee will be open to attendance by the public unless otherwise determined by 201, pursuant to the terms of its Bylaws for closing meetings. 201 also shall post on its website the time and location of its Board and Committee meetings.

G. 201 will establish a Community Advisory Board (CAB) broadly representing the community in terms of culture, ethnicity, geography, age and socio-economic level. The CAB will meet at least quarterly to advise and make recommendations to 201 regarding free programming and educational outreach efforts, and such other matters related to the operation of Overture as the CAB determines. Recommendations from the CAB will be considered by the 201 Board at a public meeting. The CAB membership shall include forty-five percent (45%) public membership appointed by the Mayor of Madison and confirmed by the Common Council.

H. 201 will maintain its Resident Company Advisory Board (RCAB). The RCAB may consider and make recommendations to 201 on all matters that impact the resident companies. Recommendations from the RCAB will be considered by the 201 Board at a public meeting.

I. 201 agrees that it will not enter into any exclusive agreement with any locally-based promoter of events that restricts the promoter's use of other Madison venues in order to program activity at the Overture Center, nor shall 201 enter into any agreement with a locally-based promoter that gives the

promoter the exclusive right to use one of the venues at Overture.

J. 201 acknowledges the accuracy of the report on the physical status of the Overture facility prepared by Andrew Statz and dated September 16, 2010 and the Mortenson Construction Report of November 5, 2010, and will use those reports as a baseline for an initial capital maintenance plan.

K. 201 agrees to the following with respect to the treatment of City employees currently working at Overture:

Staffing and Related Contracts: Except as provided in this Exhibit and in the final Agreement between the City and 201, 201 shall recruit, train and employ its own staff. The existing City Collective Bargaining Agreements ("CBA") for any employees hired by 201 shall not be assumed or transferred to 201. 201 will negotiate the terms and provisions for any CBA directly with the related union or unions.

1. There shall be a 12-month transition period, from 1/1/11 to 1/1/12 unless completed earlier by mutual agreement, during which the current operations by MCAD with City employees continues unchanged, as does City's subsidy, etc., with current agreements remaining in effect. The transition period may be modified by mutual agreement of the parties.

2. Effective 1/1/12, 201 is the new manager. The City and MCAD will terminate the existing Operation and Cooperation Agreement as of that date. As of that date, no City employees will work for 201 or at Overture.

3. 201 will make an offer of employment, to be effective 01/01/12, to all permanent (full and part-time) employees (represented and non-represented) at or below the pay grade of 18-10 of the City working at the Overture Center as of 09/01/11. This is subject to them maintaining their employment status with the City until the date of transition. Every effort will be made to act similarly with respect to employees who are not permanent (hourly) employees, subject to staffing needs.

4. 201 reserves the right to establish initial terms and conditions of employment and to bargain terms and conditions of contracts, provided that any continuing City employee that is offered and that accepts employment with 201 will be hired at not less than that employee's wage rate from the City in effect on 1/1/12. City employees who retire from the City and then accept employment from 201 shall not be considered to be a "continuing City employee" for purposes of this Resolution.

5. During the transition period, 201 will prepare job descriptions, number of persons to be hired at various positions, and establish initial terms and conditions of employment (including health and retirement benefits) ("Employment Terms"), for positions with 201 at Overture. 201 shall complete these Employment Terms and communicate them to City employees working at Overture no later than March 1, 2011. No later than July 1, 2011, 201 shall make job offers to permanent City employees at Overture for employment with 201. City employees shall have until 9/1/11 to accept such offer of employment by 201. In the event any such offer is not accepted by such date, 201 shall be free to hire a different person for the position offered to the City employee who did not accept the offer. Those City employees who are offered jobs with 201 will move to those jobs effective 01/1/2012, subject to the terms and conditions of such offer. The benefit package to be offered by 201 to continuing City employees shall include substantially similar categories of benefits now applicable to the City employees.

6. Any represented City employee offered a position with 201 may 1) accept the position, or 2) subject to any bumping or contractual rights as established by the City, determine to remain as a City employee by bumping into a City position not at Overture. Subject to negotiations between the City and the represented employees, represented employees shall have until September 1, 2011, to make this election.

7. The City will work with non-represented City employees who wish to remain City employees to determine if suitable positions are available at the City for application by the employee(s). Non-represented employees offered a position with 201 shall have until September 1, 2011, to accept such position.

8. 201 agrees to recognize IATSE Local 251 as the bargaining unit for all Stagehands, and may engage in bargaining at any time the law may allow. 201 will seek to complete bargaining by April 1, 2011.

9. 201 agrees to recognize AFSCME (or whatever other union the employees determine or that the law may require) as the bargaining unit for all positions currently represented by Local 60, and may engage in bargaining at any time the law may allow. 201 will seek to complete bargaining by April 1, 2011.

10. During the Transition Phase, the City and 201 will work together to resolve issues involving the transition of City employees including sick leave, compensatory time, and other issues as they may present themselves. The City and 201 agree to share these liabilities as follows:

i. Unfunded Prior Pension Liability: The City has borrowed funds to fund an unfunded liability to the Wisconsin Retirement System for all City employees. MCAD's share of this liability is approximately \$385,000. 201 agrees to become liable for fifty percent (50%) of this liability (approximately \$192,500) upon entry of the contract made pursuant to this resolution. 201's obligation to pay this liability will be spread over a ten (10) year period in equal annual installments, with the first installment due no later than December 30, 2012.

ii. Accrued Vacation and Comp Time: These liabilities are approximately \$150,000. City employees are entitled to a payout of these amounts on leaving City employment. All such accrued comp time will be paid out in the normal manner, and said payout will be the responsibility of the City. In the case of vacation payouts, for continuing City employees hired by 201, 201 will be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the payout, up to a maximum of \$57,500. This liability, once finally liquidated, shall be payable over the same ten (10) year period as the unfunded pension liability payment referenced above.

11. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or does change any employee rights under existing agreements with the City or under City ordinances.

L. The following other provisions in the original Termsheet will be included in the General Contract between the City and 201:

1. Personal Property: All personal property necessary for or associated with the operation of Overture, including all personal property of MCAD held at 1/1/12, will be transferred to 201. This includes existing operating systems, IT, temporary fixtures, furniture and equipment. If 201 determines that it will dispose of personal property of material monetary value without replacement, 201 shall inform the City of such disposition.

2. Accounting. The parties agree that, upon 201 undertaking operation of Overture pursuant to this Agreement, a final accounting and settlement of liabilities between the City and MCAD shall be made. 201 and the City agree to negotiate whether and to what extent 201 will be responsible to the City for such liabilities, upon terms to be agreed upon.

3. Default and Remedies: In the event either party defaults in its obligations under this Agreement, the other party may give a notice of default. The defaulting party shall have the right to remedy the default. The parties shall agree upon details of default provisions in the final agreement, which may include the concepts set out in this paragraph. The remedy and cure period shall be defined to be a specific period that is related to the nature of the default. By way of illustration and not limitation, failure to provide insurance coverage must be cured within 10 days; failure to provide a copy of an audit shall be cured within 45 days. If not remedied within that time, the other party may pursue any and all legal remedies, including termination of this Agreement. If no

other time is established for remedy of a default, the default must be remedied within 60 days. Failure to remedy a default provides the non-defaulting party with the right to pursue all legal remedies, including termination of this Agreement.

4. City Ordinance Requirements: 201 shall be subject to the normal conditions on grant recipients of the City, such as the applicability of Living Wage, Prevailing Wage, Non-discrimination, Sweatshop and Affirmative Action requirements of City's ordinances, according to their terms.

5. Indemnification: Each party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party and its respective affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents from and against all claims, damages or losses incurred or suffered by an Indemnified Party arising from or related to: any inaccuracy or breach of any representation or warranty made by the indemnifying party in this Agreement, any Schedule to this Agreement or any document contemplated by this Agreement; and any breach by an indemnifying party of any of its covenants, obligations, and agreements contained in this Agreement, and any wrongful or negligent acts of its own officers, directors, employees or agents. Upon completion of the transition period, the City's standard provisions on indemnification for grant recipients will apply.

6. Insurance: 201 State will be required to show evidence of insurance pursuant to the usual terms established by the City's risk manager for grant recipients.

7. City Access to Records. Upon reasonable notice, the City may inspect any records of 201 related to the operation of Overture, and may, at the City's expense, conduct an operational or performance audit of 201.

8. Assignment. The Structural Contract may not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party, provided that the City is providing financial support to 201. Such consent is not to be unreasonably withheld.

9. Financial Reporting. An annual financial audit, performed by an independent CPA selected by 201 and conducted in accordance with GAAP, will be provided to the City as such final audit report is approved by the 201 Board, but no later than 90 days after the end of 201's fiscal year. 201 agrees to make available for inspection by the City, upon request, all records and work papers supporting the audit.

10. No Waiver; Approvals; The failure by one party to require performance of any provision of this Agreement will not affect that party's right to require performance of any provision of this Agreement at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this Agreement constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.

11. Governing Law. This Agreement is being delivered and accepted within the State of Wisconsin, and shall be deemed to be a contract governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and shall be interpreted, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws.

12. Jurisdiction. The parties hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of any state or federal court situated in Dane County, Wisconsin, and waive any objection based on forum non conveniens, with regard to any actions, claims, disputes or proceedings relating to this agreement, the collateral, any other document, or any transactions arising therefrom, or enforcement and/or interpretation of any of the foregoing.

13. Waiver of Jury Trial. The parties hereby jointly and severally waive any and all right to trial by jury in any action or proceeding relating to the agreement and related documents, the obligations thereunder or any transaction arising therefrom or connected thereto. The parties each represents to the other that this waiver is knowingly, willingly and voluntarily given.

14. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

15. Entire Agreement; Amendments. This Agreement, the Exhibits attached hereto, and the Related Documents contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all other understandings, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof. No amendment, modification, alteration, or waiver of the terms of this Agreement or consent required under the terms of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in a writing, which makes specific reference to this Agreement and which has been signed by the party against which enforcement thereof is sought. Any such amendment, modification, alteration, waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

16. Counterparts; Headings. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same agreement. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement. All pronouns and any variations thereof shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular or plural as the identity of the person or persons may require.

17. Notices. All communications or notices required under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given on the date when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follow (unless and until any of such parties advises the other in writing of a change in such address): (a) if to the 201, with the full name and address as shown in this Agreement below; and (b) if to the City, with the full name and address of the City as shown in this Agreement below, to the attention of the officer of the City executing the form of acceptance of this Agreement.

201 State Foundation, Inc.: [list address]

City of Madison: [list address]

EXHIBIT B TO ALTERNATE OVERTURE RESOLUTION

~~At the direction of the Mayor, the HR Director shall negotiate an MOU with Local 60 that applies to current Overture employees and covers the following issues related to the transition of the Overture Center to private ownership on 1/1/2012:~~

- ~~1. A potential sick leave payout beyond what is currently dictated by City ordinance for City employees who choose to move to employment with the 201 State Foundation.~~
- ~~2. A potential payout that recognizes the lost value of future state pension benefits for City employees who choose to move to employment with the 201 State Foundation.~~

~~3. Ways in which the City can increase the likelihood that employees who wish to stay with the City will find acceptable placement in a position that minimizes negative impacts on other City employees.~~

~~It is the Mayor's intent and desire that any provisions agreed to in an MOU with AFSCME Local 60 will also apply to non-represented Overture employees.~~

~~The HR Director will brief alders on the progress of negotiations before an agreement is reached.~~