



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Council Initiated Action - History of the Red Owl and the Time Theater and the Small Area Plan Update

MEETING DATE:

July 20, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Administration

AGENDA SECTION:

Council Initiated Actions

PRESENTER:

Shaun Palmer

Action Requested:

Considering a Council Initiated Action (CIA) requesting that City Council authorize a presentation from Judge Lund on the history of the Red Owl and the Time Theater and City staff to provide an update of the progress of the small area plan along with a possible funding source on the October 12, 2026, study session.

Report Narrative:

Council Member Shaun Palmer brings forward this Council Initiated Action for consideration, with Council Member Norman Wahl supporting as the second, as required by the Council Rules of Procedure Ch. 2 - Internal Council Conduct, Sec 2.03 - Placing Items on the Business Meeting Agenda, subd. B. This request is as follows:

"Judge Lund provided a interesting program on the history of the two buildings, we believe it would be useful for the City Council to see the presentation and hear the progress of what the city plan is for the small area plan, and possible funding source. 9/14 or the 10/12 Study session dates would work."

The October 12, 2026, study session would have time for this topic. The September 14, 2026, study session is full.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Compassion
Social Equity

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

Council Initiated Actions help the Council prioritize its own initiatives through organized coalition building done in a public space and on the record. CIAs provide the Council with a public forum to consider their individual ideas with the body and decide if those ideas warrant prioritization for City teammates within the larger scope of the City's project load.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

No previous actions.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

There is no cost to this request initially other than the cost of staff time for review.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternatives suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

[CIA - Palmer - History of Red Owl and Old Time Theater](#)