

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 20, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon C. Dequenne, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement with Forsyth County for the Demolition, Improvement, and Lease of Liberty Plaza (PIN 6835-26-1604) [Northwest Ward].

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity
Strategic Objective: Promote Downtown Revitalization
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Two years ago, SciWorks and the Children’s Museum of Winston-Salem merged to form Kaleideum. Currently, Kaleideum has two facilities—Kaleideum North at the former SciWorks site and Kaleideum Downtown at the former Children’s Museum. Forsyth County officials and Kaleideum leadership have been working on the design of a new building that would be located on the site of the former Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office building. Part of the vision for the site includes improvements to Liberty Plaza in order to create the “front door” to the new building. The City currently owns Liberty Plaza. The \$2 million in Limited Obligation Bonds approved by the City Council for improvements to Liberty Plaza include demolition of the existing office pods and, potentially, pedestrian crossing improvements at Town Run Lane, new sidewalks, brick work, and landscaping.

The scope of the City's responsibilities are to draft an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Forsyth County (attached) that ensures the \$2M contribution is used on City owned parcel improvements related to the project. Forsyth County will contract for and manage the design and construction of the project and will lease and maintain the property for the next 50 years.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 5/20/19	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: