

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: August 21, 2025

CALENDAR NO. 35,215

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS (BY REQUEST)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Orleans to enter into Amendment No. 1 to an existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Orleans (the “City”) and The National World War II Museum, Inc., to extend the term by one year, for the public purpose of improving pedestrian walkways along Andrew Higgins Drive, including enhancements within part of the Museum Operations Corridor, for the benefit of and enjoyment by New Orleans citizens and visitors and to encourage Convention Center participants to explore the historic Warehouse District and the Museum Operations Corridor in the City of New Orleans; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 7, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the State of Louisiana and its political subdivisions, including the City, may enter into cooperative endeavors with each other, or with any public or private corporation or individual; and further pursuant to Section 9-314 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the City may enter into cooperative endeavors with any public or private association, corporation, or individual for activities in support of economic growth and other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City and The National World War II Museum, Inc. desire to enter into an Amendment No. 1 to the existing cooperative endeavor agreement in order to accomplish the valued public purpose of improving pedestrian walkways along Andrew Higgins Drive, including enhancements within part of the Museum Operations Corridor, for the benefit of and enjoyment by New Orleans citizens and visitors and to encourage Convention Center participants to explore the historic Warehouse District and the Museum Operations Corridor in the City of New Orleans;
NOW THEREFORE

1 **SECTION I. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of New Orleans, is hereby authorized to enter
3 into the attached Amendment No. 1 to the existing cooperative endeavor agreement with The
4 National World War II Museum, Inc. through September 14, 2026, for the public purpose of
5 improving pedestrian walkways along Andrew Higgins Drive, including enhancements within part
6 of the Museum Operations Corridor, for the benefit of and enjoyment by New Orleans citizens and
7 visitors and to encourage Convention Center participants to explore the historic Warehouse
8 District and the Museum Operations Corridor in the City of New Orleans.

1 **SECTION 2.** That said amendment to the cooperative endeavor agreement is attached to
2 this ordinance as “Exhibit A” and incorporated and made a part hereof.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO THE

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

AND

THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM, INC.

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ANDREW HIGGINS STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT (the “**Amendment**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”), and The National WWII Museum, represented by Stephen Watson, President and CEO (the “**Museum**”). The City and the Museum are sometimes each referred to as the “**Party**,” and collectively, as the “**Parties**.” The Amendment is effective as of September 15, 2025 (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City and the Museum are parties to a cooperative endeavor agreement dated effective January 24, 2024 (the “**Agreement**”) for the purpose of improving pedestrian walkways along Andrew Higgins Drive, including enhancements within part of the Museum Operations Corridor, for the benefit of and enjoyment by New Orleans citizens and visitors and to encourage Convention Center participants to explore the historic Warehouse District and the Museum Operations Corridor;

WHEREAS, the City and the Museum, each having the authority to do so, desire to enter this Amendment to extend the term for continuity of services;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the City and the Museum amend the Agreement as follows:

A. EXTENSION. The term of the Agreement is extended for one (1) additional year from September 15, 2025, through September 14, 2026.

B. CONVICTED FELON STATEMENT. The Museum swears that it complies with City Code Section § 2-8(c). No Museum principal, member, or officer has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.

C. NON-SOLICITATION STATEMENT. The Museum swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Amendment. The Museum has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Amendment.

D. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND DELIVERY. The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Amendment and any other document(s) attached to this Amendment delivered by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Amendment. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a Party until such Party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Amendment.

E. PRIOR TERMS BINDING. Except as otherwise provided by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Museum, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Amendment.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: _____
LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR

Executed on this _____ of _____, 2025.

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, CITY COUNCIL

BY: _____
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM, INC.

BY: _____
STEPHEN WATSON, PRESIDENT AND CEO

Calendar No.

(Rev)
(Exp)

Name Patrick Judge, PDU Ext 504-657-4858
Person responsible for routing

CHECK SHEET TO BE USED FOR
CLEARING ORDINANCES, MOTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL CLERK

The originating agency shall attach a copy of each proposed ordinance, motion, or resolution to the check sheet for processing in the sequence indicated after preparing a synopsis. The detailed memorandum of explanation shall also be attached to this check sheet.

SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT: Authorizes the Mayor of the City of New Orleans to enter into Amendment No. 1 to an existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Orleans (the "City") and The National World War II Museum, Inc., to extend the term for one year, for the public purpose of improving pedestrian walkways along Andrew Higgins Drive, including enhancements within part of the Museum Operations Corridor, for the benefit of and enjoyment by New Orleans citizens and visitors and to encourage Convention Center participants to explore the historic Warehouse District and the Museum Operations Corridor in the City of New Orleans, as more fully detailed in the Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement form attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

1. C. Rick Hathaway Joseph Threat
Department Head PDU Director Deputy CAO
2. [Signature]
Department of Law
3. [Signature]
Chief Administrative Officer
4. [Signature]
Director of Council Relations
5. _____
Initials of Sponsoring Council Member

COUNCIL ACTION

Council Members Present: _____
Absent: _____

AMENDMENTS:

FINAL ADOPTION:

MOVED: _____
2ND: _____
YEAS: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSENT: _____
RECUSED: _____

7. _____
Reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer after adoption by the City Council and prior to the Mayor's signature. REF. POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 3



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

TO ACCOMPANY ORDINANCES

BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL

Requesting Department or Agency: Department of Public Works

Name of Contact Person: Rick Hathaway, Director/Virginia Brisley, Project Mgr

Telephone Number: 504-658-8000

Email Address: Clinton.Hathaway@nola.gov/Virginia.Brisley@nola.gov

Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s): _____

DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF THE ORDINANCE

Please generally describe the purpose, intent, and effect of the proposed ordinance.

This Ordinance is to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Orleans to enter into Amendment No. 1 to an existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Orleans and The National World War II Museum, Inc., to extend the term of the CEA through September 14, 2026. The public purpose being to improve pedestrian walkways along Andrew Higgins Drive, including enhancements, within part of the Museum Operations Corridor, for the benefit of and enjoyment by New Orleans citizens and visitors and to encourage Convention Center participants to explore the historic Warehouse District and the Museum Operations Corridor in the City of New Orleans.



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

If the Ordinance is to effectuate a contract, CEA, or other similar agreement (hereafter contract), please provide the following additional information.



If this section is not applicable, please check this box.

The parties involved:

The City, Department of Public Works and The National World War II Museum, Inc.

The obligations, expectations, and deliverables of the parties involved:

Requirements and obligations as set forth by this Amendment No. 1 and the original CEA for improving the streetscape of Andrew Higgins Dr. between Magazine St. and Convention Center Boulevard.

Any fiscal implications for the City with the contract:

No additional funds beyond the 20% of the expected \$4,000,000.00 construction cost. LA DOTD & the RPC is expected to provide 80% while the WWII Museum conduct engineering services up to \$400,000.

The public purpose and need for the contract:

The CEA and Amendment No. 1 will allow for the improvements to the Andrew Higgins Drive streetscape through a joint effort.

The duration of the contract:

This Amendment No. 1 to the CEA will extend its term through September 14, 2026 from September 15, 2025.



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

If the Ordinance is to effectuate an amendment to the Codes of the City of New Orleans, please provide the following additional information.

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If this section is not applicable, please check this box.

The existing provision(s) of the Code being proposed for amendment:

The general content/requirements of the existing Code provision:

How the proposed ordinance will alter the existing Code provision(s):

Why these changes are needed:

REQUESTED ADOPTION DATE: August 21st, 2025

Reference: Council Rule 41 & City Code Section 2-813