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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2026
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Brad Goodman, Director of Communications 
Subject: Resolution Authorizing Funding for Rights to Screen Motion Pictures at the Des Plaines Theatre

Issue: Attached for City Council consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Des Plaines to purchase the rights to screen motion pictures at the Des Plaines Theatre in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Analysis: City staff met with Ron Onesti, operator of the Des Plaines Theatre through Onesti DPT, to discuss offering a classic family film series at the theatre. The series would begin this spring and run on Tuesday evenings through the fall. Admission would be set at \$1 per ticket.

Recommendation: I recommend that the City Council authorize staff to purchase motion picture screening rights in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Attachments:
Resolution R-127-26

CITY OF DES PLAINES

RESOLUTION R - 127 - 26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MOTION PICTURE SCREENING RIGHTS FOR THE DES PLAINES THEATRE CLASSIC FAMILY FILM SERIES.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution authorizes the City to contract with individuals, associations and corporations, in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Des Plaines Theatre proposes to screen various motion pictures as part of a classic family film series ("*Film Series*"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase the screening rights for the Film Series ("*Screening Rights*"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the City to purchase the Screening Rights for the Film Series in the not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2: APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SCREENING RIGHTS. The City Manager is authorized to purchase the Screening Rights for the Film Series in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOW]

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

VOTE: AYES _____ NAYS _____ ABSENT _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

CITY CLERK

Peter M. Friedman, City Attorney