

Miramar OKs contract for cultural center

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\$2.9 million

What Miramar agreed to pay the Broward County Performing Arts Center Authority for management, programming and operational services for the city's Cultural Arts Center

September

Expected completion date of the arts center

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MIRAMAR • The city's highly anticipated Cultural Arts Center, a massive structure that will host musical, theatrical and artistic performances in western Broward County, is one step closer to opening to the public.

Commissioners unanimously voted at a recent meeting to approve a contract with the county's Performing Arts Center Authority for management, programming and operational services of the city's arts center.

The theater is scheduled to be completed in September.

"We get more and more excited as it gets closer," Mayor Lori Moseley said at the May 21 meeting.

The contract with the authority is for \$2.9 million for three years. City officials will have two one-year renewal options after that, according to the city's chief administrative officer, Geri Freedman.

In April 2007 the city initially agreed to a two-year contract with the authority for about \$700,000. That contract is still in

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effect, Freedman said.

Commissioners also approved a second contract in November, awarding the authority an additional \$413,000

to take over more of the programming and management responsibility for the art center.

The authority already has hired some of the core staff members for the center, including a general manager,

marketing manager, cultural arts coordinator and eye manager.

The authority is in the process of recruiting a box office manager and a technical manager, Freedman said.

The 800-seat theater is the main component of the city Town Center project at Ri and Hiatas roads. The Town Center also includes City Hall and will feature a library and retail shops on a former 54-acre pasture.

The authority is in the process of developing an integrated ticketing system that will allow customers to buy tickets both at the Miramar and Broward Center for the Performing Arts Web sites.

"Residents are getting excited about this," Commissioner Carl Lanke said. "They are looking forward to this."

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