

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 20

**A G E N D A   R E P O R T**

**DATE** December 7, 2004

**ITEM** FIRST NIGHT FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**INITIATED BY** Patrick Maloney, President, First Night Great Falls

**ACTION REQUESTED** Co-Sponsor First Night Fourth Annual Community Celebration.

**PRESENTED BY** Carolyn M. Horst, Deputy City Clerk

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that the City Commission sponsor the First Night Fourth Annual Community Celebration of Arts on December 31, 2004, to use the Mansfield Center, Convention Center, and Commission Chambers.

**MOTION:** I move the City Commission sponsor the First Night Fourth Annual Community Celebration of the Arts on December 31, 2004, by offsetting some of the costs associated with the use of the Mansfield Center, Convention Center, and Commission Chambers in a value of up to \$500.

**SYNOPSIS:** First Night Great Falls is a grassroots organization affiliated with the umbrella organization, First Night International. Our governing board includes community leaders drawn from financial, business, government, and non-profit sectors. The organization has no paid staff, and is completely run by local volunteers.

The mission of First night Great Falls is to broaden and deepen the public's appreciation of the visual performing arts through an innovative, diverse, and high quality New Year's Eve Program which offers the community a shared cultural experience that is accessible and affordable to all.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Commission approve the sponsor of the First Night Community Celebration in an amount of up to \$500.