TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER          DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATE: JANUARY 14, 2002 CMR: 109:02

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $175,000, RECEIVING FROM CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL GRANT TO CREATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT 10224, CHILDREN’S THEATRE SOUND AND LIGHT SYSTEMS UPGRADE

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the attached Budget Amendment Ordinance (BAO) to receive a grant of $175,000 from the California Arts Council creating Capital Improvement Program project 10224, Children’s Theatre Sound and Light Systems project.

BACKGROUND
The sound and light systems, critical to the operation of the Children’s Theatre, have not been replaced since 1980. At that time, the installation of the then-new analog light and sound systems, replaced systems that had been installed in the mid 1960’s. The average life span of a theatre sound or light system is approximately fifteen years. It has been twenty years since the last overhaul; and since that time theatre technology, like that of the rest of the world, has shifted from analog systems to digital systems.

DISCUSSION
At the May 2001 Finance Committee budget hearing, the Friends of the Children’s Theatre expressed their concern to the committee regarding the absence of the Children’s Theatre light and sound systems in the 2002-03 Capital Improvement Project. The City Manager expressed to the Finance Committee his confidence that such funding could likely be found from grant making agencies, foundations, or other non-city sources. With the help of Kenneth Emanuels, the City’s state legislative advocate, State Assemblyman Joseph Simitian secured a State appropriation of $175,000 for upgrades to the Children’s
Theatre sound and light systems upgrade that was included in the California Arts Council annual appropriation.

**RESOURCE IMPACT**
The intended improvements will reduce production and maintenance time for technicians; increased circuitry will reduce lighting installation time; and digital sound equipment will reduce production time and decrease troubleshooting time. The attached BAO creates and appropriates CIP number 102224. This BAO has no impact on the Budget Stabilization Reserve and no future year General Fund ongoing costs are anticipated.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
This report is consistent with existing City policies.

**TIMELINE**
Funds will be expended or encumbered in FY 2001-2002.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**
The program is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act and is not subject to CEQA requirements.

**ATTACHMENTS**
Attachment A: Budget Amendment Ordinance
Attachment B: Project Description

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