

# Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0513

LOG NAME: 21PMD SCOTT THEATRE DONATION

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize the Acceptance of a Donation of Building Improvements, Upon Completion, for the W.E. Scott Theatre within the Community Arts Center Valued at Approximately \$500,000.00 from the William Edrington Scott Foundation and Authorize the Waiver of All Building and Trade Permit Fees for the Construction of the Building Improvements and Find that the Waiver of Fees Serves a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls are in Place

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept a donation of building improvements, upon completion, for the W.E. Scott Theatre valued at approximately \$500,000.00 from the William Edrington Scott Foundation;
  2. Authorize waiving the building and trade permit fees for the construction of the building improvements; and
  3. Find that the waiver of building and trade permit fees serves a public purpose and that adequate controls are in place.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is to request City Council's approval to accept a donation of building improvements, upon their completion, to the W.E. Scott Theater within the Community Arts Center located at 1300 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, Texas (CAC) and to waive all building and trade permit fees for the building improvements.

The City would like to recognize the efforts of the William Edrington Scott Foundation (Scott Foundation) in improving facilities and experiences at the Community Arts Center (CAC). The CAC provides space for multi-cultural, recreational, entertainment programs, and art exhibits for the benefit of the general public.

Fort Worth Arts Council (Arts Council) leases the entirety of the CAC from the City. Arts Council has been working with the Scott Foundation to address outdated equipment and infrastructure issues that have made the Scott Theatre (Theatre) unusable. The Scott Foundation will provide funding for the following improvements:

- Remove the defunct orchestra lift hydraulic system and replace it with a more reliable motorized system
- Replace the stage surface with a "Plyron" material to accommodate the new orchestra pit lift and serve a wider range of performance activities.
- Fix electrical problems with the fixtures for the house lights (the lights in the audience portion of the theater) and replace them with energy-efficient LED lights
- Replace the decades-old stage lights with industry-leading LED stage lights

The Arts Council, as primary tenant and manager of the building, will be responsible for contracting for the building improvements and the Scott Foundation will provide the funds to pay for the work. At the completion of the planned improvements, the City of Fort Worth will accept the improvements as a donation to the CAC from the Scott Foundation.

The CAC is a City owned facility utilized by a number of arts related groups that provide entertainment, cultural, and artistic opportunities to the public and therefore staff believes that a public purpose exists to allow for the waiver of building and permit fees for the donated improvements to this City facility.

The Community Arts Center is located in Council District 7 and serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds. Any assets recorded on the City's financial statements associated with these improvements will be adjusted upon approval.

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