

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

August 1, 2023

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SUBJECT: WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING SWAP

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide the City Council with an overview of an upcoming proposal to swap funding sources for capital improvement projects at the Will Rogers Memorial Center (WRMC).

With M&C 22-0789, the City Council approved the use of \$8,500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to fund the renovation of the lobby concourse and restrooms project (LCRP) at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Coliseum (CPN 104227).

Negotiations are currently underway to place the responsibility for the concourse renovation project with Event Facilities Fort Worth (EFFW), a not-for-profit organization that has historically partnered with the City on WRMC capital projects, like the renovation of Cattle Barns 1&2 and the construction of the Tower Promenade. The goal is to bring a higher level of efficiency to WRMC capital projects and address concerns about the City’s commitment to maintaining and improving the WRMC complex.

The use of Federal funds, like ARPA funding, requires the City to comply with certain federal regulations. The level of documentation and process those regulations require goes beyond the intent of the proposed agreement with EFFW. To remove that concern, Staff has developed a proposed funding swap that will replace the ARPA funding for the WRMC Concourse Renovation with general capital funding from the Culture and Tourism (C&T) Funds.

Funding from the following existing C&T-funded capital projects will be swapped with ARPA funding for the WRMC Concourse Renovation Project:

ARPA Funding Swap Strategy		
Project Description	Total Project Budget	
WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation	\$	8,500,000.00
Minus Existing C&T Funding	\$	625,000.00
NET ARPA Funding to be Swapped	\$	7,875,000.00
ARPA funds from the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation will be swapped with the specified amounts for the following projects:		
Project Number	Project Description	Additional ARPA Funds
100238	WRMC Auditorium Roof Replacement	\$ 897,188.36
101437	Amon Carter Door Repair	\$ 263,548.00
101740	Richardson Bass System Upgrade	\$ 650,000.00
102447	Justin Garage Ventilation Syst	\$ 146,256.00
102511	WRMC Security Cameras	\$ 100,000.00
102634	WRMC- Emergency Generator Enhance	\$ 150,000.00
104044*	WRMC Escalator Replacement	\$ 1,638,721.51
104369*	Portable Meeting Room Chairs	\$ 1,600,000.00
104371*	Coliseum Transformer Replace	\$ 878,828.88
104397*	WRMC Stall Panel Replacement	\$ 801,020.87
104399*	WRMC 2023 Facility Assessment	\$ 349,436.38
104994*	FWCC West Roof Repair	\$ 400,000.00
		\$ 7,875,000.00

Projects with the * are designated as ARPA funded moving forward.

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The proposed capital projects to now be funded with ARPA dollars have been reviewed by Financial Management Services. The projects have been approved as being ARPA-eligible.

An M&C to request City Council approval of the funding swap will be scheduled for a future City Council meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this report, please contact Michael Crum, Director of Public Events, at 817-392-2501.

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