

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/26/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0841

**LOG NAME:** 84DONATION OF LIBRARY FURNITURE

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to Donate Discarded Furnishings to Other Libraries, Museums, or Non-Profit Community Service Organizations To Promote Waste Diversion from City Landfills by Enabling Reuse and Find that the Donation Serves a Public Purpose

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to donate discarded library furnishings to other libraries, museums, or non-profit community service organizations to promote reuse; and
  2. Find that the donation carries out the public purposes of continued use of discarded furnishings and reducing the amount of waste deposited into the landfill, and find that adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose.
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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the Library Department to donate discarded furnishings such as bookshelves, tables, chairs, desks, cabinets, etc. to other libraries, museums or non-profit community service organizations that can reuse them. As a result of the sale of the former central library building, Library Department staff is preparing to vacate the building. Staff has identified various furnishings that are no longer needed by the Fort Worth Public Library and will have to be discarded in the landfill. However, some other libraries have requested items that have continued value for use by their organizations. The Library Department staff recommends these discarded furnishings be donated to other libraries and non-profit community service organizations for reuse.

The donation serves the beneficial public purpose of continued use of the items and reducing the amount of waste deposited into the landfill. The Library Director will have authority to implement the donation(s) for this purpose. The City will ensure adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose throughout the donation process.

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.

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