

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 20SWM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AGREEMENT CAH 2

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 7) Authorize Execution of a License Agreement with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for Deconstruction and Salvage of Materials from Structures on City-Owned Property Located at 2213 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107 and Find that the Donation of the Salvaged Materials to Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Serves a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls Are in Place to Ensure that the Public Purpose is Accomplished

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a license agreement with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for deconstruction and salvage of materials from structures on a City-owned property located at 2213 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107; and
  2. Authorize the donation of the salvaged materials to Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and find that the donation serves the public purpose of providing decent, safe, and affordable housing to moderate-to-low-income City residents and that the license agreement will provide adequate controls to ensure that the public purpose is accomplished.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) recommends that the City Council authorize a license agreement between the City of Fort Worth and Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (Habitat for Humanity) to allow Habitat for Humanity to deconstruct and salvage usable items (such as water heaters, cabinets, sinks and fixtures, etc.) from a single-family residence located on City-owned property at 2213 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

The M&C would also authorize the donation of the salvaged materials to Habitat for Humanity for resale to the general public, with the proceeds used to enable Habitat for Humanity to construct additional quality, affordable homes in the City of Fort Worth. By approval of this M&C, Council finds that donation of the salvaged materials will accomplish the public purposes of (i) benefitting low-to-moderate-income residents by supporting Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing quality, affordable housing; (ii) diverting re-usable materials from the landfill; and (iii) reducing the City's costs to fully demolish structures on the property. By approval of this M&C, Council also finds that the license agreement is an adequate control to ensure that the public purpose is accomplished.

Portions of the Central Arlington Heights Neighborhood are subject to severe localized flooding during rain events. Mitigating flood risk to the neighborhood through traditional drainage system improvements, such as increasing the capacity of the pipe system, is cost prohibitive. Therefore, voluntary property acquisition was pursued to relieve residents in the most flood-prone homes from ongoing exposure to flood damages. Funding was appropriated from the Stormwater Capital Projects Fund to pursue the voluntary property acquisition strategy to mitigate chronic flood risk. This home at 2213 Western Avenue is one of the more flood-prone structures in the neighborhood and, as such, the property owners agreed to participate in the voluntary acquisition program. On August 27, 2019, the City Council authorized the purchase of the subject property (M&C 19-0080).

In total, eleven flood-prone structures were voluntarily acquired. Two of the structures, 2209/2211 Western Avenue and 2217/2219 Western Avenue, acquired with grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), have already been demolished as a requirement of the FEMA grant funding. Deconstruction and salvage by Habitat for Humanity was authorized for the initial two properties on August 23, 2022 by M&C 22-0635. Demolition of 2213 Western Avenue, which is between the two previously demolished properties, is being pursued to create one contiguous greenspace which will provide for more effective maintenance by the City and use of the greenspace by the community.

Once Habitat for Humanity has finished salvaging the property, the City will fully demolish the structure and maintain the property as greenspace.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

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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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