

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 03FY2021 PUBLIC ART ANNUAL WORK PLAN WITH REPROGRAMMING

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt City of Fort Worth Public Art Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached City of Fort Worth Public Art Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, including Reprogramming Funds in the 2014 Bond Fund for Public Art;
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Public Art - Streets-Mobility Programmable Project in the amount of \$450,000.00, from available funds in the 2018 Bond Program Fund, subject to subsequent city council authorization of an artwork commission contract for each public art project included in the annual work plan;
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Public Art - Parks/Recreation Improvements Programmable Project in the amount of \$199,999.00, from available funds in the 2018 Bond Program Fund, subject to subsequent city council authorization of an artwork commission contract for each public art project included in the annual work plan; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the FWPA - S. Main underpass project in the amount of \$80,000.00, from available funds in the 2014 Bond Program Fund; subject to subsequent City Council authorization of an artwork commission contract for each public art project included in the annual work plan.
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DISCUSSION:

Fiscal Year 2020 began with the launch of a new, mobile-friendly Fort Worth Public Art website (<https://www.fwpublicart.org>), followed by the addition of ten (10) new public artworks to the Fort Worth Public Art Collection and installed at the following locations: Montgomery Street (CD 7); Fort Worth Community Arts Center (CD 7); A.D. Marshall Public Safety & Courts Building (CD 9); Como Community Center (CD 3); Brennan Avenue Bridge (CD 2); Northwest Community Park (CD 7); Rockwood Park (CD 2); Golden Triangle Library (CD 7); Trinity Boulevard (CD 5); and the Six Points Urban Village (CD 9).

The Fort Worth Art Commission recommended the City of Fort Worth Public Art Annual Work Plan (Capital Improvement Plan) for Fiscal Year 2021 on September 14, 2020, after holding public hearings on August 10, 2020 and September 14, 2020. The plan includes 50 new and in-progress public art projects with combined budgets totaling over \$13 million previously approved by City Council in funding source-specific public art plans, as listed on the Annual Work Plan document. A presentation of the Annual Work Plan was made at the City Council Work Session of September 15, 2020.

In addition, staff has determined that the TBD Urban Village (CD 9) Public Art project, budgeted in the 2014 Bond Fund for Public Art, is not feasible and should be cancelled, resulting in \$80,000.00 being available. The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Work Plan recommends those funds be reallocated to the South Main Underpass (CD 9) within the same funding source to create a more impactful project at that location.

The FY2021 work plan also approves funds for an art project near Old Decatur Road. That road was constructed with bond funds and then deeded to Saginaw. Because the City cannot expend art funds on property the City no longer owns, the proposed plan recommends installation of art on roundabouts that are in the vicinity of the bond-funded road. By approving the plan and this project, the City Council would be approving the expenditure of bond proceeds for this purpose and in doing so finding that the connection between the proposed art project and the bond-funded roadway is sufficiently close for this project to constitute an authorized use of bond funds.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Work Plan includes Collection Management allocations from the Water & Sewer Fund for cash-funded capital projects in the amount of \$120,000.00.

On September 22, 2020, City Council will consider authorizing a contract with the Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County, Inc. (Arts Council), to manage the Fort Worth Public Art Program for Fiscal Year 2021, as well as provide other services. The City of Fort Worth Public Art Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, as adopted by City Council, will comprise the Arts Council's scope of work for the City's public art program.

Public art projects follow the guidelines contained in the City Council-adopted Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update (M&C G-19140, October 17, 2017). Individual City Council members are directly involved with project planning, artist selection, and design review for public art projects in their districts. However, City Council, as a body, authorizes all Artwork Commission Contracts, through separate M&Cs.

For projects included in the 2018 Bond Program, available resources within the General Fund will be used to provide interim financing until debt is issued. Once debt associated with the project is sold, bond proceeds will reimburse the General Fund in accordance with the statement

expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance No. 23209-05-2018) and subsequent actions taken by the Mayor and Council.

These projects are located throughout ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the 2018 Bond Program and 2014 Bond Program Funds for the FWPA - S. Main Underpass, Public Art-Streets-Mobility programmable and the Public Art-Parks/Rec Improvmts programmable projects. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Arts Council of Fort Worth and the Property Management Department have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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