

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 12/15/20

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0985

LOG NAME: 84BOOK DONATION FOR MAUDRIE M. WALTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT

(CD 5) Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to Donate Withdrawn Books to the Maudrie M. Walton Elementary School and Find that the Donation of Books Serves a Public Purpose

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to donate withdrawn library books to the Maudrie M. Walton Elementary School in response to the loss of its school library collection from a recent fire; and
 2. Find the donation serves to carry out the public purpose of promoting literacy by providing books to students who lack access to books in their school library, and that adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose.
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DISCUSSION:

The Fort Worth Public Library plans to donate approximately 500-1,000 books to the Maudrie M. Walton Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas (Council District 5). The school recently lost all of its library books as a result of damage from a burglary and fire. A community drive is currently under way for donations to keep books accessible to the students. The books the Library identified for donation are no longer needed in the public library's collection but could continue to benefit the community and support the Library's relationship with local teachers, educators and school librarians in the community. This donation would help keep books accessible to the students of the Maudie M. Walton Elementary School and promote literacy and learning through reading during a critical and challenging time. The City will ensure adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose through the donation process.

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 approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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