

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/10/26

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0182

LOG NAME: 21CFO DONATION OF LAND TO TAMUS

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Authorize Conveyance of City-Owned Land Consisting of Approximately 0.545 Acres Located at the Northwest Corner of East Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street to the Texas A&M University System at No Cost for the Texas A&M Campus Project and Find that the Conveyance is a Legitimate Public Purpose Related to Higher Education and that Adequate Controls are in Place to Carry Out the Public Purpose

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the conveyance of City owned land consisting of approximately 0.545 acres located at the northwest corner of East Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street to the Texas A&M University System for the Texas A&M Campus project;
 2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and record the appropriate instruments necessary to complete the conveyance; and
 3. Find that the conveyance of the land is a legitimate public purpose related to higher education and that adequate controls are in place to carry out the public purpose.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the conveyance of City-owned land consisting of approximately 0.545 acres located at the northwest corner of East Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street to the Texas A&M University System for the Texas A&M Campus project and find that the conveyance is a legitimate public purpose related to higher education and that adequate controls are in place to carry out the public purpose.

Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) is in the process of acquiring property owned by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) at the northeast corner of Calhoun Street and Lancaster Avenue as a possible location for their Performance Visualization and Fine Arts (PVFA) facility. The City sought approval under M&C 25-0793 which went before City Council on August 26, 2025, to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with TAMUS regarding the transfer of City property consisting of approximately 0.545 acres of land located at the northwest corner of East Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street to TAMUS for the Texas A&M Campus project to allow TAMUS to use the property for its current plan of using it for surface parking to support the PVFA. The Interlocal Agreement has now been agreed upon and is ready for execution.

The land is an approximate 0.545-acre tract being part of the Block D-1- Dagget's Addition, an unrecorded addition to the City of Fort Worth and being part of those tracts of land described as Tracts 19 and 22 in a Deed to the City of Fort Worth recorded in Volume 2853, Page 39 of the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas recorded on April 19, 1955 (Property).

The transfer of ownership of the Property to TAMUS would be carried out under the authority of Texas Local Government Code Section 272.001(j), which allows the City to donate real property to an institution of higher education to serve a public purpose related to higher education. The provision also states that the City will determine the terms and conditions of the transaction so as to effectuate and maintain the public purpose. The transfer would be subject to the following conditions:

1. TAMUS must commence construction of improvements on the Property within five (5) years from the date the City conveys ownership; otherwise, the Property will revert to the City.
2. Prior to initiating any development, TAMUS must submit a site plan detailing the proposed improvements for the City's review and approval.
3. The Property must always be used for a public purpose related to higher education, specifically for surface parking or to construct facilities for higher education to support the overall Texas A&M Campus project. If the public purpose is not met, the Property will revert to the City.

It is understood that City Council approval of this M&C serves the public interest and supports the advancement of higher education, which is of mutual benefit to all parties.

This property is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas A&M University System

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that the financial records of the City will be updated to reflect this donation based upon the Capital Asset Policy contained within the Financial Management Policy Statements. The Director of Finance also certifies that approval of the above recommendation will not result in additional appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

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