

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0237

LOG NAME: 84DONATION OF LIBRARY PRINT MUSIC TO TWU

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to Donate Library Print Music to Texas Wesleyan University and Find that the Donation Serves a Public Purpose

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to donate rebound print music materials to Texas Wesleyan University; and
 2. Find that the donation carries out the public purpose of serving as a resource for research purposes, 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 488 volumes of print music to the Eunice & James L. West Library at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas. The materials include rebound volumes of published works composed by classical musicians, as well as composers of other genres. These volumes have not been checked out by users in numerous years and there is a lack of interest for them among the general population. In an effort to maintain a fresh collection that is reflective of the evolving interests of the general public, it is appropriate to remove these materials from the library's collection. Library Department staff sought a Fort Worth institution that has an interest in using the materials and keeping them accessible to the community. The University has a music program user-base that is interested in these uniquely specific materials, and has the capacity to maintain the materials responsibly in its collection. Through this donation, the materials serve a public purpose, as a resource for research purposes without limiting access to any particular group of researchers/patrons. This donation is consistent with the library's strategic service goal of contributing to the city's thriving arts community.

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.

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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