

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/21/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0219

LOG NAME: 25MAIN STREET FORT WORTH ARTS FESTIVAL 2023

SUBJECT

(CD 9 / Future CD 9) Approve Request of Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc., for Temporary Street Closures from April 17, 2023, through April 24, 2023, to Accommodate the 2023 Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize temporary street closures from April 17, 2023 through April 24, 2023 to accommodate the 2023 Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival.

DISCUSSION:

Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. has applied for a permit for a Special Event for the 2023 Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival on April 20, 2023 through April 23, 2023 and for set-up with the event dates of April, 17, 2023 through April 24, 2023. The street closure is to accommodate the production of the outdoor event.

Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. is collaborating with Sundance Square Management on the event logistics; and DFWII will make the necessary accommodations to ensure access is maintained to Sundance Square Plaza to facilitate operations of any programming and activations planned in the Plaza.

This request requires City Council approval since it exceeds the three-day time limit for administrative approval of street closures as stated in the Traffic Engineering Design Standards and Policy Guidelines. The Policy was designed to keep the City Council informed of major street closures in the City.

As provided by the Outdoor Events Ordinance, this request has been reviewed by the Events Calendar Committee and Pre-Event Committee. The review included consideration of the impact of the lane and street closures and with approval of this Mayor and Council Communication, the outdoor events permit will be issued.

A traffic control plan and detour route have been approved. The Public Events Department and Transportation and Public Works Department have reviewed and concur with this request. Details of the street closure are attached to this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C). There may be additional streets and areas that require closing that are not specifically outlined in the M&C. Staff is granted the authority to make closure adjustments as needed for the safe production of the events.

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 the above recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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