

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize an Agreement with Event Facilities Fort Worth to Manage Capital Improvement Projects at the Will Rogers Memorial Center at No Cost to the City

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an agreement with Event Facilities Fort Worth to manage capital improvement projects at the Will Rogers Memorial Center.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor & Council Communication authorizes an agreement with Event Facilities Fort Worth (EFFW) to manage capital improvement projects at the Will Rogers Memorial Center (WRMC).

EFFW is a supporting organization of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR). Through EFFW, FWSSR has invested more than \$77 million (adjusted to today's dollars) in direct funding for capital improvements in the City-owned and operated WRMC. The list of WRMC projects jointly funded by the City and EFFW includes the renovations of Cattle Barns 1 & 2, upcoming renovation of the Sheep and Swine Barns, and construction of the Tower Promenade.

Under Section 334 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City can contract with EFFW to manage WRMC capital improvement projects on the City's behalf. Under this provision, EFFW will be required to follow all of the procurement rules and regulations required for the use of public funding for capital projects. This includes requirements concerning MWBE participation. EFFW is willing to provide planning and construction management services to the City for approved capital projects at WRMC, with the City reimbursing EFFW for the actual project costs, but with no additional management fee or compensation to EFFW for these services.

The City will continue to own the WRMC complex and fund capital improvement projects out of the Culture and Tourism Funds. The goal of the agreement is to bring a higher level of efficiency to WRMC capital projects. This, in turn, will demonstrate to WRMC constituents that the City is committed to maintaining and improving the WRMC Complex.

Currently, the PED team in collaboration with PMD, are delivering 21 active capital projects at WRMC in various stages from design to construction, totaling \$38.3M. This includes the renovation of the WRMC Coliseum Concourse, which is proposed to be managed by EFFW, at \$8.5M. Additionally, the City has recently issued \$68.9M in Culture and Tourism debt and plans to issue another \$13.6M in Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the renovation of the Sheep and Swine Barn and future capital projects at the WRMC Complex. The Sheep and Swine Barn is a City-managed project. EFFW will manage the future capital projects funded by the debt issuance.

It is the Public Events Department's responsibility to verify that capital funding for projects is available in advance of any expenditures.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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