

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with Event Facilities Fort Worth, Inc. to receive an Amount Up to \$5,000,000.00 for the First Phase of Renovations to the Will Rogers Memorial Center Coliseum, Adjust Appropriations in the Capital Funds of the Public Event's Department and Increase Appropriations from Fund Balance in the Culture and Tourism Fund for the Purpose of Increasing Funding for the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation Project in the Total Amount of \$28,640,578.61, Adopt Appropriation Ordinances and Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize execution of a Grant Agreement with Event Facilities Fort Worth, Inc. to receive a grant in an amount up to \$5,000,000.00 for the First Phase of Renovations to the Will Rogers Memorial Center Coliseum;
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the Public Events Capital Fund by decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Coliseum Transformer Replacement project (City Project No. 104371) in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 and increasing estimated receipts and appropriations and receipts in the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation project (City Project No. 104227) by the same amount;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Tax Revenue Bond Series 2023A Fund by increasing appropriations in the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation Project (City Project No. 104227) in the amount of \$12,565,744.01, and decreasing appropriations in the following existing projects:
  - a. Decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the WRMC Coliseum Air Handlers project (City Project No. 104226) by \$6,340,578.61
  - b. Decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Coliseum Transformer Replacement project (City Project No. 104371) in the amount of \$2,418,698.60
  - c. Decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the WRMC Coliseum Door Replacement project (City Project No. 105157) in the amount of \$2,000,000.00
  - d. Decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the ARPA WRMC Stall Panel Replacement project (City Project No. 104397) in the amount of \$1,355,608.69
  - e. Decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the ARPA WRMC Electrical Upgrades project (City Project No. 102513) in the amount of \$336,547.20
  - f. Decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the WRMC AC Garage Light Conversion project (City Project No. 105155) in the amount of \$114,310.91
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Tax Revenue Bond Series 2023B Fund by decreasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the WRMC- Sheep and Swine Barn Ren project (City Project No. 104828) in the amount of \$2,974,834.60 and increasing estimated receipts and appropriations and receipts in the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation project (City Project No. 104227) by the same amount;
5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Culture and Tourism Fund by increasing use of fund balance in the amount of \$7,000,000.00, for the purpose of funding the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation Project (City Project No. 104227) by transferring to the Public Events Capital Fund;
6. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Public Events Capital Fund in the amount of \$7,000,000.00, transferred from the Culture and Tourism Fund, for the purpose of funding WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation project (City Project No. 104227);
7. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, subject to the receipt of the grant received from Event Facilities Fort Worth, Inc, for the purpose of funding the WRMC Coliseum Concourse Renovation project (City Project No. 104227); and
8. Amend Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The City and Event Facilities Fort Worth, Inc. (EFFW), a non-profit supporting organization for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, have a long-standing partnership as it pertains to the renovation of facilities at the 88-year-old Will Rogers Memorial Center (WRMC). Projects completed by this partnership include the renovation of Cattle Barns 1 and 2, the Poultry Building, construction of the Tower Promenade and the recent renovation of the Sheep and Swine Barns. This partnership between the City and EFFW was strengthened last year with the execution of a Master Services Agreement, which enables EFFW to directly execute capital projects on the City's behalf.

EFFW does not charge a fee for these services. Additionally, EFFW works directly with City staff and other stakeholders throughout the design and construction process to ensure the improvements function at a high level for all constituents and that the effects of any displacement caused by the construction are minimized.

The scope of this \$50M project includes but is not limited to the following: Restroom Renovations; Concourse Renovations; Back of House

Facilities Renovation; New Food and Beverage Facilities; HVAC System Replacement; Electrical System Replacement; Addition of Fire Sprinkler System; and Addition of Fire Alarm System; Additional Improvements for Americans with Disability Acts (ADA) accessibility.

The Coliseum closed in March of 2025 for extensive renovations and is scheduled to re-open in December 2025. Coliseum customers have agreed to give up their contractual right to use the facility for this renovation project to move forward.

Funding: Currently, Project 104227 has total project budget of \$21,859,421.39. This Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) authorizes additional funding of \$28,640,578.61; making the Total Project Budget \$50,500,000.00. The following table is the funding for the existing project funding plus the additional project funding:

Existing Project Funding:	
PED Funding	\$ 8,500,000.00
2023A Debt	\$ 3,659,421.39
2025A Debt	\$ 9,700,000.00
Total Existing Funding	\$ 21,859,421.39
Additional Funding (Authorized by this M&C)	
EFFW Contribution	\$ 5,000,000.00
Surplus from Project 104371	\$ 1,100,000.00
Surplus from Project 104828	\$ 2,974,834.60
2023A Debt	\$ 12,565,744.01
PED Fund Balance	\$ 7,000,000.00
Total Additional Funding	\$ 28,640,578.61
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$ 50,500,000.00

Budget - The current project costs are described in table below:

Total Project Breakdown	
Consultant	\$6,155,000.00
Contractor	\$42,168,552.00
Administrative/Contingency	\$2,176,448.00
Total Project Budget	\$50,500,000.00

Previous council actions include:

M&C 25-0416, approved May 13, 2025, authorized (i) refinancing and restructuring of Special Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A, and (ii) investments in furniture, fixtures, and equipment at WRMC, which serves as an adjacent support facility of the Multipurpose Arena Venue Project designated by Council and approved by voters in 2014 (Resolutions 4327-07-2014, 4378-11-2014).

M&C 23-0792, approved September 26, 2023, authorized the issuance and sale of 2023A and 2023B Special Tax Revenue Bonds to make improvements at the WRMC, which is an adjacent support facility of the multipurpose arena venue project designated by Council and approved by voters in 2014 (Resolutions 4327-07-2014, 4378-11-2014).

M&C 23-0646, approved August 8, 2023, authorized the reallocation of Public Events capital project funds from the 2017A and 2017B Special Tax Revenue Bonds and Venue Capital Project Fund to ongoing projects.

M&C 22-0789, approved September 27, 2022, authorized additional ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocations to Public Events that were deferred and/or suspended in Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 and 2021 due to the loss of Hotel Occupancy Taxes as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

M&C 21-0913, approved November 30, 2021, authorized the reinstatement of Public Event capital projects that were deferred and/or suspended in FY 2020 and 2021 due to the loss of Hotel Occupancy Taxes as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The actions in this M&C amend the FY2025 Adopted Budget and the FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program for the Public Events Department as approved in connection with ordinance 27107-09-2024.

This M&C will also authorize execution of a grant agreement with EFFW to allow the City to accept and receive up to \$5,000,000.00 for the First Phase of Renovations to the Will Rogers Memorial Center Coliseum. The grant will be paid directly to vendors of the Project by EFFW once all City funds allocated for the project have been expended. At the conclusion of the project EFFW and the City will reconcile the expenditures in excess of the original project budget such that the excess expenditures are equally borne by EFFW and the City.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Coliseum Transformer Replacement project within the Public Events Capital Fund and in the WRMC Coliseum Air Handlers, Coliseum Transformer Replacement, WRMC Coliseum Door Replacement, ARPA WRMC Stall Panel Replace, APRA WRMC Electrical Upgrades, WRMC AC Garage Light Con projects within the Special Tax Rev Bond Serie 2023A Fund, and in the WRMC-Sheep and Swine Barn Ren project within the Special Tax Revenue Bond Series 2023B Fund and in the Culture &

Tourism Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached

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