

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/07/20

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 20-0242

**LOG NAME:** 21PMD TAX FORECLOSED FEBRARY 2020 SEALED BID SALE

**SUBJECT**

Authorize Sale of Nine (9) Tax-Foreclosed Properties to Various Purchasers in the Aggregate Amount of \$350,237.12 in Accordance with Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 34.05 of the Texas Tax Code (COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2, 3, 8 and 9)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the sale of nine (9) tax-foreclosed properties, as described in the attached list, to various purchasers in the aggregate amount of \$350,237.12 in accordance with Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 34.05 of the Texas Tax Code; and
  2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and record the appropriate instruments conveying the properties to the highest bidders, in compliance with the bid form specifications to complete the sale.
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**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Fort Worth is authorized, under Section 34.05 of the Texas Tax Code, to conduct a sale of tax-foreclosed properties through a sealed bid sale in accordance with Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code. On January 31, 2020, February 7, 2020, February 14, 2020 and February 21, 2020 the Property Management Department advertised a list of tax-foreclosed properties for a sealed bid sale. On February 27, 2020 the bids were received and opened in accordance with the policies regulating the sale of tax-foreclosed properties. The bidding procedures require that a bank-certified-funds-available letter be included with any bid. In the event full payment is not made on these bids, staff will contact the next highest bidder and proceed in that manner until full payment is received. The list of properties advertised for sale and associated bid results are included on the attached list.

The tax-foreclosed properties described in the attached list will be conveyed through Tax Resale Deeds Without Warranty to the highest bidders upon full payment for the properties. The bidders will be responsible for all closing costs related to these transactions, as well as any accrued post-judgment taxes. A program administrative fee will be collected from the proceeds of the sale of each property.

Upon receipt, the amount of \$350,237.12 will be deposited into the General Fund, Tax-Foreclosed Property Sale Fee account for disbursement to the County for the purpose of distributing proceeds to the taxing entities and paying applicable fees.

The Development Services Department has reviewed the current zoning of the properties and has determined that the zoning classifications are compatible with respect to existing land uses of the surrounding neighborhood and future land use designations indicated in the Comprehensive Plan.

The properties are located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2, 3, 8, and 9.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that the Property Management Department is responsible for the collection, deposit and disbursement of funds. Upon receipt, the amount of \$350,237.12 will be deposited into the General Fund, Tax-Foreclosed Property Maintenance Fee account and the Tax-Foreclosed Sales account for disbursement to the County for the purpose of distributing proceeds to the taxing entities and paying applicable fees.

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