

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/14/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0409

LOG NAME: 35ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT FUNDING

SUBJECT

(CD 2 and CD 9) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$49,100.00 in the Crime Control and Prevention District Capital Projects Fund for the Purpose of Funding the Entertainment District Safety Assessment Study and Amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt an appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Crime Control and Prevention District Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$49,100.00 for the purpose of funding the Entertainment Districts Study (City Project No. 105315) transferred from the Culture and Tourism Fund and
2. Amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate funds in the Crime Control and Prevention District Capital Fund pledged by the Public Events Department of the Culture and Tourism Fund in the amount of \$49,100 for partial funding of the entertainment district public safety assessment.

On January 30, 2024, the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) budget was amended to provide funding to address safety concerns in the four (4) entertainment districts, including a comprehensive study on the safety and vitality of the Fort Worth's entertainment districts for strategic planning on safety in Downtown, Stockyards, West 7th and the Near Southside districts (M&C 24-0096). To that end, the City has entered into a professional services agreement with Safe Night, LLC in the amount of \$148,200.00 to provide consultation and conduct a public safety assessment (M&C 24-0098).

Funding for the study was pledged by both City and local partners. The CCPD funds of \$49,100.00 were appropriated on January 30, 2024. The actions of this M&C will appropriate the Public Events Department, Culture & Tourism Fund amount of \$49,100.00, as referenced on M&C 24-0098. Public Events will prepare a separate M&C (25FY24BUDGETAMENDMENT) to transfer their portion of funds from the Culture & Tourism Fund to the CCPD Capital Projects Fund. The remaining funds of \$50,000.00, which were pledged by local stakeholders and collected in the Special Donations Fund, were appropriated on April 9, 2024 (M&C 35FY24 Police Donations).

Funding for this project was not included in the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan due to the need for the study occurring after the development of the annual CIP process. The action in this M&C will amend the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan as approved in connection with Ordinance 26453-09-2023.

Funding is budgeted in the Capital Interfund Transfer Out account within the Culture & Tourism Fund for the purpose of funding the PD Entertainment District project within the CCPD Capital Projects Fund.

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 funds are currently available in the Culture & Tourism Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the CCPD Capital Projects Fund for the PD Entertainment project to support the above recommendations. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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