

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 01/28/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0065

**LOG NAME:** 80FWZA\_EXPLORE & LEARN CENTER

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance and Recording of a Gift Deed from the Fort Worth Zoological Association for the Exploration & Learning Center at the Fort Worth Zoo

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the acceptance and recording of a Gift Deed from the Fort Worth Zoological Association for the Exploration & Learning Center at the Fort Worth Zoo.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to accept the conveyance of the Exploration & Learning Center as a gift to the City.

On December 13, 2022, (M&C 22-1062) the City Council authorized a renewal Management Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 58824) with the Fort Worth Zoological Association for the management, operation, and development of the Fort Worth Zoo. Section 3.06 of City Secretary Contract No. 58824, the Management Agreement with the Fort Worth Zoological Association (Association), provides that the Association shall take all steps necessary to vest title to new zoo improvements in the City, including, without limitation, the delivery of an instrument of donation to the City.

The Association has tendered a Gift Deed for the constructed improvements located at the Fort Worth Zoo known as the Exploration & Learning Center, which includes the building structure, walls, foundation, roof and all mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems that are a part thereof. This Gift Deed is accepted subject to all legal requirements of City Secretary Contract No. 58824.

The Exploration & Learning Center was constructed at a value of \$6,050,721.50.

The Fort Worth Zoo is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 and is classified as a Special-Use Facility that serves a City-wide and regional basis.

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 approval of the recommendation will have no material effect on City funds. Any assets donated as a result of this agreement will be recorded in the City's financial records as appropriate.

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