

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 08/26/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0746

LOG NAME: 03MR FRED ROUSE MEMORIAL PARTNERSHIP FUND

SUBJECT

(CD9) Authorize Future Community Partnerships Fund Contribution to Tarrant County Coalition for Peace and Justice in the Amount Up to \$232,377.00 as a One-Time Capital Contribution to Support the Construction of the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial at 1000 NE 12th St Fort Worth, Texas 76102, Find that the Contribution Serves a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls are in Place, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a contribution to the Tarrant County Coalition for Peace and Justice to pay for 15% of the project cost in the amount up to \$232,377.00 as a one-time capital contribution to support the construction of the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial at 1000 NE 12th Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102;
 2. Find that the contribution serves a public purpose of honoring Mr. Fred Rouse who was lynched at the corner of NE 12th Street and Samuels Avenue by a white mob and providing a place of remembrance and rejoicing Mr. Rouse's life, and that adequate controls are in place in the form of a funding agreement that ensures the public purpose is carried out;
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund by increasing receipts and appropriations in the Mr Fred Rouse Memorial project (City Project No. 106414) in the amount of \$232,377.00 and decreasing receipts and appropriations in the Future Community Partnerships programmable project (City Project No. P00047) by the same amount to fund a one-time capital contribution to support the construction of the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial; and
 4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Program.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize use of previously appropriated Future Community Partnership for use as a contribution to the Tarrant County Coalition for Peace and Justice (TCCPJ) for construction of the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial at 1000 NE 12th Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

On April 1, 2024, the City of Fort Worth received a funding request for future community partnership funds from TCCPJ for construction of the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial at 1000 NE 12th Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102. An updated Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) and construction schedule was submitted on June 16, 2025. TCCPJ provided a detailed funding schedule demonstrating at total of 85% of the OPCC would be provided from community organizations fundraising.

On December 11, 1921, Fred Rouse was lynched at the corner of NE 12th Street and Samuels Avenue by a white mob. The Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial will honor the only documented Black person to be lynched in Fort Worth, serving as a place of remembrance and rejoicing Mr. Fred Rouse's life that ended in tragedy. TCCPJ will merge with Transform 1012 in the first quarter of 2026 and will provide maintenance and ongoing operational costs for the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial. TCCPJ will initially own the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial and upon merger, the memorial will be owned by Transform 1012. TCCPJ has committed that the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial will have public access, and will not request any subsidy for operation or maintenance of the memorial.

The City's contribution in the amount up to \$232,377.00 will be subject to verification that TCCPJ has successfully:

1. Documented that the remaining amount of contributions needed to fund the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial construction has been received or committed by other organizations, and all funds necessary to complete the project are escrowed solely for the project;
2. Submitted a financial pro forma indicating full operational sustainability without the need for additional funding; and
3. The contribution will be further conditioned on the execution of a funding agreement to ensure the public purpose is carried out.

The construction of the memorial will further the public purpose of providing a place with public access to honor, remember, and rejoice Mr. Fred Rouse's life.

The funding for this contribution is available in the Future Community Partnerships Programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund to fulfill the City's commitment to assist in the construction of the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial project. Funding for the Mr. Fred Rouse Memorial will be as follows:

	FY2025 Remaining Balance	Authority	Budget Adjustment	FY2025 Remaining Balance
Future Community Partnerships P00047	\$1,004,620.50	This M&C	(\$232,377.00)	\$772,243.50
Mr Fred Rouse Memorial (Project No. 106414)	\$0.00	This M&C	\$232,377.00	\$232,377.00

The action in this M&C will amend the FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan as approved in connection with Ordinance 27107-09-2024.

This Project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Future Community Partnerships programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects Fund for the Mr Fred Rouse Memorial project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the FWLab has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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