

A Resolution

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ADOPTING THE FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth Public Library was established by Chapter XVII of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, since the first library opened in 1901 the Fort Worth Public Library has expanded to become a library system of sixteen locations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth is the thirteenth largest city in the nation serving nearly 900,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019 the City Council authorized the Library to enter into a professional services agreement with Group 4 Architecture Research + Planning (M&C P-12354) to develop a library facilities master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan, hereby designated the Fort Worth Public Library Facilities Master Plan, was completed and publicly presented to the City Council on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth Public Library Facilities Master Plan findings are: that library buildings are well-maintained; library space is not keeping up with population growth patterns; library buildings in Fort Worth aren't aligned with 21st century service; the Central Library has potential for better connectivity and bigger impact; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth Public Library Facilities Master Plan makes recommendations to: renovate the Library's existing branches; build more libraries; enhance library access with alternative service delivery and partnerships; relocate selected library functions; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Fort Worth Public Library Facilities Master Plan by the City of Fort Worth demonstrates vision and commitment to providing 21st Century library services that meet community needs into the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

The Fort Worth Public Library Facilities Master Plan is hereby adopted in its entirety and shall be incorporated into and made a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan and/or other planning documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary Kayser, City Secretary