

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/23/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0635

**LOG NAME:** 20SWM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AGREEMENT CENTRAL ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 7) Authorize Execution of a License Agreement with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for Deconstruction and Salvage of Materials from Structures on City-Owned Properties Located at 2209, 2211, 2217, and 2219 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107, Find That the Donation of the Salvaged Materials to Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Serves a Public Purpose and That Adequate Controls Are In Place to Ensure That the Public Purpose is Accomplished

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a license agreement with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for deconstruction and salvage of materials from structures on City-owned properties located at 2209, 2211, 2217, and 2219 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107; and
  2. Authorize the donation of salvaged materials to Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and find that the donation serves the public purpose of providing decent, safe, and affordable housing to moderate-to-low-income City residents and that the agreement will provide adequate controls to ensure that the public purpose is accomplished.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) recommends that the City Council authorize a license agreement between the City of Fort Worth and Trinity Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (Habitat for Humanity) to allow Habitat for Humanity to deconstruct and salvage usable items (such as water heaters, cabinets, sinks and fixtures, etc) from duplexes located on City-owned properties at 2209, 2211, 2217, and 2219 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. The M&C would also authorize the donation of the salvaged materials to Habitat for Humanity for resale to the general public, with the proceeds used to enable Habitat for Humanity to construct additional quality, affordable homes in the City of Fort Worth. By approval of this M&C, Council finds that donation of the salvaged materials will accomplish the public purposes of (i) benefitting low-to-moderate-income residents by supporting Habitat for Humanity's mission of providing quality, affordable housing; (ii) diverting re-usable materials from the landfill; and (iii) reducing the City's costs to fully demolish the duplexes. By approval of this M&C, Council also finds that the license agreement is an adequate control to ensure that the public purpose is accomplished.

On September 26, 2017, City Council authorized staff to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant, administered by Texas Water Development Board, for voluntary acquisition of highly flood-prone residential properties in Central Arlington Heights (M&C C-24810). A grant was subsequently awarded for the acquisition of two properties, located at 2209/2211 and 2217/2219 Western Avenue. On May 24, 2022, City Council authorized the purchase of these properties (M&C 22-0389 & 22-0390).

Once Habitat for Humanity has finished salvaging the properties, the City will fully demolish the structures and maintain the properties as greenspace, in accordance with the FEMA grant.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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