

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 17TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Authorize the Execution of a Contract with Texas Wesleyan University in an Amount up to \$200,000.00 to Relocate Public Utilities in Order to Start Construction on a New Athletic Stadium

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Execution of a Contract with Texas Wesleyan University in an Amount up to \$200,000.00 to relocate public utilities under the streets in the 2900 block of both Avenue D and Avenue E on their campus in order to begin construction on a new \$16.375 million athletic stadium.

DISCUSSION:

Texas Wesleyan University has begun planning for the construction of a new \$16,375,000.00 athletic stadium on their campus. In order to proceed, they will need to move public utilities under the streets in the 2900 block of both Avenue D and Avenue E. The athletic stadium will be a 3,000-seat facility for football, soccer, and track and field to be used by Texas Wesleyan University, FWISD, and various community soccer leagues. This high level of community-wide use will drive crowds to the Poly Heights neighborhood and support continued economic revitalization for the area.

Phase 1 of the stadium construction will include public utility relocation under the city streets in the 2900 block of Avenue D and Avenue E, so that roadway removal and earthwork can be completed before installing the artificial turf field. The estimated cost of public utility relocation is \$200,000.00 and the entire cost of the phase one of construction is in excess of \$2,000,000.00.

During the past 10 years, Texas Wesleyan University has invested more than \$50,000,000.00 in campus and neighborhood enhancements, including the acquisition and renovation of properties along two city blocks on E. Rosedale directly adjacent to the campus as well as construction of the United Methodist Church Central Texas Conference office building. The University is currently in partnership with a private developer to build a new 100 bed \$10.0 million student apartment complex on E. Rosedale with a target completion date of summer 2022.

The new athletic stadium will be the next step in the continued economic revitalization of the Poly Heights urban village. The estimated start of construction for Phase I of the stadium project is September 2022 with an estimated completion date of September 2023.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding for this project is being authorized by City Council through Mayor and Council Communication 13ARPA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROJECT ALLOCATIONS on the September 27, 2022 agenda.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas Wesleyan University

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Economic Development Department shall be responsible for ensuring that only expenditures allowable under the American Recovery Plan Act are charged to this funding source.

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