City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(CD 7 / Future CD 7) Reallocate the Use of Previously Authorized American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Lobby and Concourse Capital Improvements at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, Allocate Use of an Additional \$625,000.00 in Available Public Events Capital Fund Dollars to the Lobby and Concourse Project, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Reallocate the use of \$5,950,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the WRMC Air Handler project to the WRMC Lobby and Concourse Renovation project;
- Adopt the attached ordinance adjusting appropriations in the Grants Capital Projects Federal Funds by decreasing appropriations in the WRMC Air Handler Project (City Project No. 104226) in the amount of \$5,950,000.00 and increasing appropriations in the WRMC Lobby and Concourse Renovation project (City Project No.104227) by the same amount; and
- Adopt the attached ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the Public Events Capital Fund by reducing the Unspecified Project (City Project No. Unspect) by \$625,000.00 and increasing the WRMC Lobby and Concourse Renovation project (City Project 104227) by the same amount.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) seeks City Council approval to reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) that were previously approved for use at the Will Rogers Memorial Center to the coliseum concourse and lobby renovation project at the facility and to supplement that project's funding by appropriating additional available funds in the Public Events Capital Fund.

M&C 22-0789 was approved by the City Council on September 27, 2022 and allocated \$7,875,000.00 in ARPA SLFRF for capital projects at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Coliseum. The ARPA Revenue Recovery funds were to be divided between a renovation of the lobby and concourse (\$1.925M) and the replacement of air handling units (\$5.95M) at the coliseum. The cost estimate for these two projects combined now totals \$17.9M

In light of these cost increases, and after consulting with the venue's customers, the Public Events Department (PED) is recommending the entirety of the \$7,875,000.00 in ARPA funding previously designated for the coliseum be invested specifically in the customer-facing improvements for the lobby and concourse, with the needed replacement of air handling units to be addressed in a future PED Capital Improvement Program. The total estimated costs for the revised coliseum lobby and concourse project is \$8,500,00.00 and is proposed to take place in the following priority order under the umbrella of a single project:

- Renovation of the WRMC Coliseum Concourse and Restrooms (estimated at \$6.2M)
- Renovation of the WRMC Coliseum Backstage Club (estimated at \$1.3M)
- Renovation of the WRMC Coliseum Lobby (estimated at \$1.0M)

M&C 22-0984, approved by City Council on November 29, 2022, increased estimated appropriations and receipts in the Public Events Capital Fund Unspecified Project by \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding future shortfalls in grant projects where scope adjustments or delayed project implementation due to income loss during the pandemic resulted in increased costs. This M&C reallocates \$625,000.00 of that \$1,000,000.00 to the shortfall for the WRMC Lobby and Concourse Renovation project

Adoption of the attached ordinance adjusts appropriations as between projects but does not increase total appropriations in either fund. Funding is available in the capital projects of the Public Events Capital Fund as approved in connection with Ordinance 25851-11-2022 and the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund as approved in connection with Ordinance 25776-09-2022.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Public Events Capital Fund UNSPEC project and Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund WRMC Coliseum Air Handle Repl project, and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the Public Events Capital and Grants Cap Projects Federal Funds WRMC Lobby & Concourse

Renov project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Public Events Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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