

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 05/23/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0396

**LOG NAME:** 84DONATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS TO THE WELMAN PROJECT

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to Donate Materials Discarded from the Library Collection to The Welman Project to Promote Waste Diversion from City Landfills by Enabling Community Reuse for Educators of Fort Worth Students and Find that the Donation Serves a Public Purpose

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Fort Worth Public Library to donate discarded library materials to The Welman Project to promote reuse of materials by educators of Fort Worth students; and
  2. Find that the donation carries out the public purposes of continued use of discarded materials and reducing the amount of waste deposited into the landfill, and adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Library discards materials from the collection due to damage, outdated information, or lack of public interest in those items. They include books, magazines/periodicals, compact discs (CD's) and digital video discs (DVD's) that are not appropriate for resale on the used book market and would otherwise be disposed of as waste in the landfill. However, some of the items still have value to educators in the City of Fort Worth in their day-to-day work with students. The Library Department staff recommends these discarded materials be donated to The Welman Project, a non-profit organization that primarily serves educators in the Fort Worth ISD. Its mission is to "serve as a free resource, distributing surplus materials from local companies for creative reuse in the classroom and beyond."

The donation serves the beneficial public purpose of continued use of the resources and reducing the amount of waste deposited into the landfill. The Library Director shall have authority to implement the donation(s) for this purpose. The City will ensure adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose throughout the donation process.

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

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

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

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