



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	June 3, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on request to establish a capital campaign and fund for the Wolfforth Library
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell, City Manager Kimberly Brantley, Librarian

BACKGROUND:

The Library is in the early stages of looking ahead to expansion due to the tremendous growth that Wolfforth and the Library are experiencing. When the current building was built, it was expected to adequately serve the community for 15-20 years, which it has done, as those plans were made in 2004 with the building opening in 2006. We want to prepare for this now by doing extensive fundraising to limit the burden on the taxpayers to the greatest extent we can. We're working on the development of a 3-5 year plan that will include an expansion of the existing building. We recently had a local business wanting to donate, but because we do not have 501(c)3 status, they chose not to. By establishing a capital campaign and fund now, we will be better situated to accept large donations and secure them specifically for the Library and assure our donors that funds are used as intended.

We've spoken with the City Attorney about the creation of a 501(c)3, and he's informed us it's a simple process.

EXHIBITS:

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests authorization to proceed with the creation of a 501(c)3, and the establishment of a capital campaign fund for the Wolfforth Library. Both items will be considered for final approval later if so authorized.