

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: June 20, 2013

TO: Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

FROM: Gerry F. Miller *GFM*
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Assignment No. 13-06-0549
Council File No. 13-0758

Donation of Surplus Office Equipment to Bethesda Temple Church

Motion (Parks-Rosendahl) (C.F. 13-0758) proposes a below market sale of 13 chairs, 2 desks, 1 filing cabinet, 1 Rolodex, and 1 desk filing tray to help Bethesda Temple Church rebuild after a devastating fire destroyed the church. A presence in the community for 25 years, the Bethesda Temple Church provides the neighborhood with a food bank, clothes program, and countless other forms of assistance that make the community a better place to live and work. This below market sale shall be subject to the requirement that services supported by this surplus equipment be open to the entire community regardless of a person's spiritual beliefs and/or religious affiliation.

On November 28, 2006 (C.F. 04-1822), the Council adopted amendments to the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment), including a provision to enable the sale of surplus equipment at less than current market value to non-profit organizations located in the City of Los Angeles which have been established exclusively to further the services provided by the City and its departments. As Bethesda Temple Church is a non-profit organization that provides community benefit services to residents of the City, the organization is eligible for this below market value sale of surplus equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS


That the Council:

1. Find that Bethesda Temple Church is eligible to purchase 13 chairs, 2 desks, 1 filing cabinet, 1 Rolodex, and 1 desk filing tray at below market value (\$1.00 each), in accordance with LAAC Sec. 22.547 (Donation of Surplus City Equipment) and policy adopted by the Council on November 28, 2006 (C.F. 04-1822), as Bethesda Temple Church is a non-profit organization located in the City of Los Angeles that has been established exclusively to further the services provided by the City and its departments. The below market sale is authorized subject to the requirement that services supported by this surplus equipment be open to the entire community regardless of a person's spiritual beliefs and/or religious affiliation.

2. Request the City Attorney to expedite preparation of the appropriate documents to effectuate the sale and transfer of the above identified surplus equipment at below market value to Bethesda Temple Church.
3. Instruct the City Clerk to inform Bethesda Temple Church [Shirley A Green, 4909 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90043, (323) 299-2591] that the surplus equipment must be claimed within 60 days from the date of Council approval of the request after which time it will revert to the City's surplus equipment pool for disposal by the Department of General Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The sale of this office equipment at below market value is consistent with the City's Financial Policies as Bethesda Temple Church is a non-profit organization that provides community benefit services to residents of the City.



Clay McCarter
Analyst

Attachment: 1. Motion (Parks-Rosendahl).

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MOTION
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In the early morning hours of April 26, 2013, a fire engulfed the Bethesda Temple Church on Crenshaw Boulevard. Over 90 firefighters responded to the scene, and it took about 50 minutes to extinguish the blaze. The fire destroyed most of the church, which has been declared a total loss. A presence in the community for 25 years, the church provides the neighborhood with a food bank, clothes program, and countless other forms of assistance that make the community a better place to live and work.

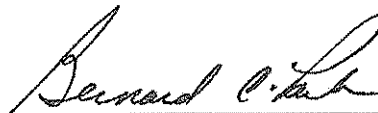
The Eighth Council District (CD 8) has received a request to donate 13 chairs, 2 desks, 1 filing cabinet, 1 Rolodex, and 1 desk filing tray to the Bethesda Temple Church to help them rebuild after this devastating fire. This equipment will help the church re-establish its community service programs.

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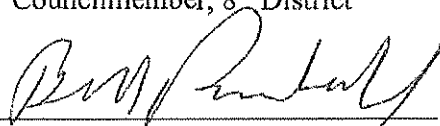
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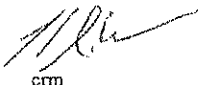

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