

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services

DATE: December 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization for Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition by Deed Transfer
Sale of 161 N. Mill Street to LexArts, Inc.

Request:

Request Council authorization to declare LFUCG property located at 161 N. Mill Street as surplus property, and to convey ownership of the property to LexArts, Inc.

Purpose:

LFUCG currently leases the property to LexArts, Inc., a local non-profit organization established in 1972, and currently serving as the area's arts council and united arts fund. Lex Arts manages the day-to-day operations of the facility, which houses several local arts organizations and related activities. No provision of municipal governmental services are rendered from the facility.

LFUCG agrees to sell the property to LexArts for \$100,000. With this discounted monetary consideration, LexArts will adhere to deed restrictions related to sustainable community benefit, maintaining and preserving the property in good condition, and the property's status on the National Register of Historic Places, for a period of no less than 10 years. The property has fair market value of \$1.9 million. This surplus declaration and property disposition is a recommendation of the Council Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee's *Property Assessment Subcommittee Interim Report (January 2021)*.

Budgetary Implication:

This transaction will generate revenue of \$100,000 for LFUCG, at the time of deed transfer.

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Commissioner: Chris Ford

