



RESOLUTION NO. 41526

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR HINES AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ
2 AND RUMBAUGH

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$5,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, with The North End
5 Neighborhood Council, to support the Historic Cushman Street Fair.

6 WHEREAS The North End Neighborhood Council (“NENC”) is hosting the
7 Historic Cushman Street Fair (“Street Fair”) on September 7, 2024, and

8 WHEREAS the Street Fair will be a family-friendly event designed to
9 celebrate community, highlight opportunities to energize local neighborhoods, and
10 raise public awareness about the City’s historical Cushman and Adams Substations
11 (“Substations”), and

12 WHEREAS the Street Fair will also be the main event in the public outreach
13 process to help the City determine options for the future use of the historic
14 Substation properties, with Otak, the consultant hired by the City to develop
15 proposals, also attending the Street Fair to gather additional public input and
16 ensure that a wide range of voices from across the City are included, and

17 WHEREAS the Street Fair will also feature community resource booths,
18 music, food, free ice cream treats for kids, family activities, and a video tour of the
19 Cushman Substation building, and

20 WHEREAS this contingency fund request would provide funding for:
21 (1) permits/insurance/rentals/barriers, \$2,000; (2) marketing/communications,
22 \$1,000; and (3) entertainment/food service, \$2,000, and
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1 WHEREAS the Substations, located at the intersection of North 21st Street
2 and North Adams Street, were built in the mid-1920s to bring electricity from
3 Cushman Dam to the City, and for many years the Substations served as active
4 parts of the electric system, and
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6 WHEREAS the Substations are an important part of the City’s history for all
7 residents and notable assets for the City, and in June 2017 the City Council placed
8 both Substations on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, and
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10 WHEREAS the NENC has long been helping to raise awareness among
11 residents across the City about the Substations and potential future uses for the
12 locations, and this event is being promoted citywide with community members from
13 across the City being invited to join in, and event organizers are stressing the
14 messaging that “these historical buildings belong to all Tacomans,” and
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16 WHEREAS, at the August 27, 2024, Study Session, Deputy Mayor Hines
17 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$5,000
18 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the Street Fair, and
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20 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
21 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
22 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
23 adopting the budget, and
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25 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
26 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund, and



1 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that full City participation in the Street Fair
 2 as part of public outreach to plan the future of the historic substation properties is a
 3 fundamental governmental purpose within the City’s authority to provide for
 4 economic development and investment in the City, which is sufficient consideration
 5 to the public to justify the City’s investment; Now, Therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

8 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$5,000, budgeted from
 9 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting
 10 the Historic Cushman Street Fair.
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12 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
 13 confirm deliverables with The North End Neighborhood Council for the purposes
 14 hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.
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16 Adopted _____

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 Mayor

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 City Clerk

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 Chief Deputy City Attorney

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