



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 24, 2025

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. **On August 6, 2025, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to sections of the Tacoma Municipal Code that govern the activities of the Historic Preservation Program.** Proposed changes include improvements to the nomination process and criteria for local historic districts, reducing requirements for project review within local historic districts, changes to increase access to property tax incentives for historic renovations, and changes to the requirements for demolition review. Changes to nomination requirements for individual properties to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, required to comply with recent changes to State law, including a new requirement for owner consent, are also proposed.

In addition to the public hearing, there are two public information sessions scheduled for July 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. (virtual) and July 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (in person). For more information, including the draft code, the review schedule and meeting information, please visit <https://tacoma.gov/project/historic-preservation-code-update/>. For questions or additional information, please contact Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, at 253-591-5220 or rmcknigh@tacoma.gov.

2. Tacoma Interim Police Chief Jackson provides the attached **Weekly Crime Report**.
3. City Manager's Office Constituent Relations Analyst Karyssa Mathison provides the attached **Constituent Intake Report**.
4. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule**.
5. Summer Late Nights: **Summer Late Nights began on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 10 locations across Tacoma. Programming will run through Friday, August 29, 2025.** The ten-week drop-in program offers safe spaces for middle and high school students to hang out and receive dinner every weeknight. Local providers are contracted by the Tacoma Parks Foundation to offer a variety of engaging activities each week including open gym, art, and music activities. Over 1,500 young people from Tacoma are expected to participate with over 15,000 drop-in visits anticipated. For more information and locations, please visit: <https://www.parkstacoma.gov/summer-late-nights/>.

6. Brotherhood RISE, Freedom Project, Shelter Standdown: The micro shelter site (23rd and MLK Jr Way), operated by Brotherhood RISE, is currently preparing to standdown. Brotherhood RISE staff will continue to work with the current individuals on their stability and housing plans during this transition and into permanent housing or other temporary solutions by **July 31, 2025**. Since opening in June 2023, the shelter has served 53 individuals, with 34 of the clients have confirmed being connected to permanent housing.

On July 21, 2025, there were 7 residents at the site and every person is currently working with case management. Neighborhood and Community Services has begun meeting with Brotherhood RISE weekly to assess operational needs and will continue to support the shelter during this transition. **The City is committed to ensuring that every resident has the option to transition to the new location or has an alternative shelter location should they wish by or before July 31, 2025.**

7. Temporary and Extended Shelter extended through June 2026: The Bethlehem Baptist Family Shelter, Holy Rosary Safe Parking Site, and TEMS 3 Micro-Shelter Village have each been extended and will continue operations through June 2026. With the help of funding the City is utilizing from the Washington State Department of Commerce, they will continue to provide ongoing shelter and support for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
8. **Emphasis Area for Encampments in Hilltop Neighborhood:** The City has designated **South 9th Street (North) to South 19th Street (South); South Sprague Avenue (West) to Tacoma Ave South (East) (known as: Hilltop Neighborhood)** with a 25ft buffer as an **Emphasis Area**, monitoring and clearing as necessary, until August 2026.

Many locations within the proposed request have been the focus of constant outreach and removal efforts since the enactment of TMC 8.19. However, due to planned transitions and standdown of operations for temporary emergency shelters in the Hilltop neighborhood, this authorization under TMC 8.12 will give City staff an opportunity to continue to focus their efforts on this area and address any issue that surround encampments while continuing to provide resources for people who are unhoused.

9. **City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance:** The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing. This information can be found at: <https://cms.tacoma.gov/ncs/weeklydataupdate.pdf> and is updated weekly.
10. **Encampment Outreach:** For the week of **July 14-18, 2025**, the HEAL team visited **13 locations**. This resulted in **18 (9 new, and 9 repeat)** individuals contacted and referred to community services; **1 individual** was placed in shelter. This information can be found at: [HEAL Team Engagement Dashboard | Tacoma Open Data](#).

11. **The Tacoma - Pierce County Climate Leadership Cohort (TPCCLC)** is a program where participants learn climate solutions and civic engagement for our collective climate future. Applications for the 4th cohort are now open through August 1, 2025. Inspired by Tacoma's Climate Action Plan and Pierce County's Sustainability Plan and community input, the Climate Leadership Cohort connects frontline community members—vulnerable, underserved, and underrepresented residents—with City and County staff, elected officials, and community organizations so they can take climate action in their neighborhoods and communities! Cohort members will be offered a stipend for completing the program that runs September 12-14, 2025. Apply online and [learn more here](#).
12. Amy Clancy, Director of Media and Communications shares the “**Good News**” below. You can find this good news and more on the City of Tacoma's social platforms.
 - YOUR STREETS INITIATIVE TAX DOLLARS AT WORK! Check out the transformation of North Cedar Street, between 32nd and 33rd Street, as part of Tacoma's Residential Street Restoration Program - a key piece of the Tacoma Streets Initiative. Here's what this work means for your neighborhood: smoother roads, safer travel for people walking, biking, rolling, or driving, stronger, more connected communities See more information about Tacoma Streets Initiative, including completed, active, and planned projects in your neighborhood, at tacomastreetinitiative.org.
 - [Primary Election](#) Candidate Forums for the August 5, 2025, Primary Elections are now available on TV Tacoma and our YouTube channel.
 - Watch the City of Tacoma Council-At-Large Position No. 6 forum at: https://youtu.be/i1bLyF_Gv5k.
 - Watch the City of Tacoma Mayoral forum at: <https://youtu.be/ZPV9Vc37hZA>.
 - Watch the Port of Tacoma Position No. 1 and Position No. 4 forums at: <https://youtu.be/JVdTNg8FuXc>.
 - Tacoma Council District No. 4 and No. 5 are also on the ballot, as well the 26th Legislative District State Senator position and a variety of other positions and resolutions. Keep an eye on your mailbox, ballots will be mailed by Pierce County Elections on July 18, 2025. Register to vote, find the Local Voter's Pamphlet, and more voter resources online at piercecountywa.gov/elections.
 - [Ballots Mailed](#) Keep an eye on your mailbox! Ballots for the August 5, 2025, Primary Election were mailed by the [Pierce County Auditor's Office](#) July 18, 2025. Candidates are running for Tacoma Mayor, Council District No. 4 and No. 5, and Council-at-Large Position No. 6. Casting your vote is a critical way to make sure your voice is heard.

- [Local Stormwater and Watersheds Workshops](#) Sign up to join the City of Tacoma's Environmental Services Department as they host local stormwater and watersheds workshops, more information can be found at: [Tacoma Environmental Services](#).

STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION

13. **The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, July 29, 2025, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.** This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: www.zoom.us/j/89496171192 and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma.

City Council Study Session discussion items will include; (1) **Initiative Measure No. 2 Review;** (2) **Other Items Interest: Council Consideration Requests - Tacoma Creates;** (3) **Committee Reports;** (4) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report.**

On our first agenda item, Interim City Manager Kim and staff from the Legal Department will continue their July 15, 2025, discussion on **Initiative Measure No. 2.**

Under other items of interest, the following items will be discussed:

- Council Consideration Request - **An Ordinance to Update Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.55 Tacoma Creates Program** . [Mayor Woodards]
- Council Consideration Request - **An Ordinance to Reauthorize the Tacoma Creates Program and One-Tenth of One Percent Sales and Use Tax.** [Mayor Woodards]

14. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

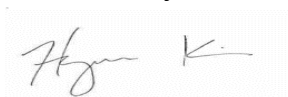
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

15. You are invited to the below events.

- **MOSAIC: Tacoma's Arts & Cultural Festival: July 26 – 27, 2005, 12:00 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wright Park, 501 South I Street, Tacoma, WA 98405.** Wright Park will transform into a celebration of international delights for the MOSAIC Arts and Culture Festival. This free community event will highlight traditional dance, music, art and food marks its 36th year under the park's beautiful canopy of trees. MOSAIC includes performances from community groups held both days on two different stages, food trucks offering a wide variety of cuisines, and vendor village with nearly 100 different booths. Vendors include multicultural artists and crafters, local small business owners, and Tacoma community groups, agencies and services. Click link for more information: [MOSAIC: Tacoma's Arts & Culture Festival - Parks Tacoma](#).

- Join Council Member Olgy Diaz at her third Neighborhood Connections Event on Sunday, **July 27, 2025, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., at Mattice Beauty Supply, South 12th Street.** She's visiting every Council District this summer to connect with community members across Tacoma to hear about what's important to them. Additional events left in the Neighborhood Connections Series include:
 - August 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch, 215 South. 56th Street.
 - September 27, 2025, 12:30 p.m., – 1:30 p.m., Tacoma Public Library Fern Hill Branch, 765 South. 84th Street.
- **Calling all sponsors and vendors: Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Eastside Community Center.** The Tacoma Police Department's School Ready on Day 1 Kids Health & Safety Fair is back, and we need the community's help to make it bigger and better than ever! For more information, please contact Bervin Smith at: bsmith7@tacoma.gov or (253) 290 – 9238.
- **The Tacoma Police Department, in partnership with the Bikes for Kids team of volunteers at Marine View Presbyterian Church are working together again this year to collect bicycles for children.** The bicycles will be given away to children at the Tacoma Police Department's Kids Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Eastside Community Center, located at 1721 East 56th Street. Bikes for Kids is a nonprofit, community service organization in Tacoma, Washington that distributes bicycles throughout the Puget Sound area and internationally as well. Now operating for over 20 years, Bikes for Kids continues to grow and has distributed over 15,000 bicycles. **The Bikes for Kids team collects, refurbishes, and distributes used bicycles to children and adults waiting for a bike. For more information, please contact Bervin Smith at: bsmith7@tacoma.gov or (253) 290 – 9238.**

Sincerely,



Hyun Kim
Interim City Manager

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Citywide Weekly Briefing for 14 July 2025 to 20 July 2025

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	20-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2025	20-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2025	20-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2025			
Persons	106	82	392	316	2371	2277	22.6% ▼	19.4% ▼	4.0% ▼
Assault	101	76	363	294	2159	2062	24.8% ▼	19.0% ▼	4.5% ▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	2	0	3	1	13	12	100.0% ▼	66.7% ▼	7.7% ▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	2	10	5	51	39	100.0% ▲	50.0% ▼	23.5% ▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	4	16	16	146	164	100.0% ▲	0.0%	12.3% ▲
Property	324	210	1435	991	11198	7711	35.2% ▼	30.9% ▼	31.1% ▼
Arson	10	1	19	11	66	59	90.0% ▼	42.1% ▼	10.6% ▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	27	26	128	105	832	667	3.7% ▼	18.0% ▼	19.8% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	4	3	42	24	0.0%	25.0% ▼	42.9% ▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	79	70	362	283	3074	2116	11.4% ▼	21.8% ▼	31.2% ▼
Fraud	12	7	62	32	337	285	41.7% ▼	48.4% ▼	15.4% ▼
Larceny/Theft	131	82	605	411	4569	3316	37.4% ▼	32.1% ▼	27.4% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	44	17	184	103	1831	931	61.4% ▼	44.0% ▼	49.2% ▼
Robbery	9	3	37	25	231	166	66.7% ▼	32.4% ▼	28.1% ▼
Stolen Property	9	2	31	13	182	103	77.8% ▼	58.1% ▼	43.4% ▼
Society	9	22	51	78	349	550	144.4% ▲	52.9% ▲	57.6% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	5	18	33	60	205	365	260.0% ▲	81.8% ▲	78.0% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	2	9	15	0.0%	NC	66.7% ▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	2	8	0.0%	0.0%	300.0% ▲
Weapon Law Violations	4	4	18	16	133	162	0.0%	11.1% ▼	21.8% ▲
Citywide Totals	439	314	1878	1385	13918	10538	28.5% ▼	26.3% ▼	24.3% ▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 73.7% (56/76) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 52 DV-related offenses.
- 76.9% (40/52) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 50.0% (38/76) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 62 ≥ 52
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 40 ≥ 24

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 2331 Yakima Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 805 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 4502 S Steele St: 5 ≥ 4
- 2501 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 3
- 2916 S 38th St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1415 E 72nd St: 1 ↗ 3
- 776 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 3
- There were 3 additional locations with 3.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 89 ≥ 63
- Street/Right Of Way: 67 ≥ 59
- Parking Lot: 82 ≥ 52
- Apartment: 42 ↗ 43
- Alley: 3 ↗ 10



Sector 1 Weekly Briefing for 14 July 2025 to 20 July 2025

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Persons	27	20	95	84	597	570	25.9%▼	11.6%▼	4.5%▼
Assault	25	17	88	75	531	502	32.0%▼	14.8%▼	5.5%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	4	2	19	10	0.0%	50.0%▼	47.4%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	2	3	7	43	54	100.0%▲	133.3%▲	25.6%▲
Property	77	67	365	271	3041	2324	13.0%▼	25.8%▼	23.6%▼
Arson	5	0	9	1	32	19	100.0%▼	88.9%▼	40.6%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	6	35	31	234	190	500.0%▲	11.4%▼	18.8%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	1	3	1	100.0%▼	0.0%	66.7%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	25	24	118	90	1056	771	4.0%▼	23.7%▼	27.0%▼
Fraud	1	2	8	7	51	70	100.0%▲	12.5%▼	37.3%▲
Larceny/Theft	25	29	134	105	1141	887	16.0%▲	21.6%▼	22.3%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	4	40	22	437	297	69.2%▼	45.0%▼	32.0%▼
Robbery	4	2	11	8	51	44	50.0%▼	27.3%▼	13.7%▼
Stolen Property	2	0	9	4	29	33	100.0%▼	55.6%▼	13.8%▲
Society	1	6	10	19	85	121	500.0%▲	90.0%▲	42.4%▲
Drug/Narcotic	0	5	5	15	52	75	NC	200.0%▲	44.2%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	3	2	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	1	1	5	4	29	40	0.0%	20.0%▼	37.9%▲
Sector Totals	105	93	470	374	3723	3015	11.4%▼	20.4%▼	19.0%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 64.7% (11/17) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 12 DV-related offenses.
- 75.0% (9/12) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 41.2% (7/17) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 11 ↗ 12
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 13 ↔ 13

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 805 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 2331 Yakima Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 2501 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1801 S 15th St: 1 ↗ 3
- 776 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1942 Fawcett Ave: 3 ↔ 3

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 17 ↗ 26
- Apartment: 13 ↗ 19
- Parking Lot: 21 ↘ 11
- Single Family Residence: 17 ↘ 9
- Alley: 3 ↗ 5



Sector 2 Weekly Briefing for 14 July 2025 to 20 July 2025

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Persons	27	17	112	62	597	531	37.0%▼	44.6%▼	11.1%▼
Assault	25	17	98	61	534	477	32.0%▼	37.8%▼	10.7%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	1	0	1	0	2	2	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	5	0	16	8	0.0%	100.0%▼	50.0%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	0	8	1	44	44	100.0%▼	87.5%▼	0.0%
Property	86	46	425	232	3006	1830	46.5%▼	45.4%▼	39.1%▼
Arson	2	0	3	1	9	9	100.0%▼	66.7%▼	0.0%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	7	3	41	19	197	153	57.1%▼	53.7%▼	22.3%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	15	5	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	17	16	99	71	814	512	5.9%▼	28.3%▼	37.1%▼
Fraud	6	1	22	5	117	68	83.3%▼	77.3%▼	41.9%▼
Larceny/Theft	35	21	187	105	1302	801	40.0%▼	43.9%▼	38.5%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	4	62	25	478	227	75.0%▼	59.7%▼	52.5%▼
Robbery	2	0	7	4	43	36	100.0%▼	42.9%▼	16.3%▼
Stolen Property	0	1	3	2	22	8	NC	33.3%▼	63.6%▼
Society	1	0	10	3	48	42	100.0%▼	70.0%▼	12.5%▼
Drug/Narcotic	0	0	5	2	28	15	0.0%	60.0%▼	46.4%▼
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	1	0	5	1	19	25	100.0%▼	80.0%▼	31.6%▲
Sector Totals	114	63	547	297	3651	2403	44.7%▼	45.7%▼	34.2%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 88.2% (15/17) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 7 DV-related offenses.
- 100.0% (7/7) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 41.2% (7/17) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 18 ↘ 7
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 6 ↔ 6

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 2317 Ruston Way: 1 ↗ 3
- 2802 Narrows Pl: 0 ↗ 2
- 1202 N Pearl St: 1 ↗ 2
- 6615 S 19th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 610 Yakima Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 1536 S State St: 0 ↗ 2
- 636 N 1st St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 3 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 31 ↘ 14
- Parking Lot: 18 ↘ 13
- Street/Right Of Way: 13 ↘ 9
- Apartment: 9 ↘ 8
- Restaurant/Fast Food Establishment: 1 ↗ 4



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Persons	28	22	82	79	546	534	21.4%▼	3.7%▼	2.2%▼
Assault	28	20	80	73	512	489	28.6%▼	8.8%▼	4.5%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	0	2	8	9	NC	NC	12.5%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0	1	2	4	24	36	NC	100.0%▲	50.0%▲
Property	90	42	347	213	2773	1832	53.3%▼	38.6%▼	33.9%▼
Arson	3	0	5	0	14	10	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	28.6%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	8	2	23	18	209	139	75.0%▼	21.7%▼	33.5%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1	0	1	12	10	NC	NC	16.7%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	18	16	71	56	639	444	11.1%▼	21.1%▼	30.5%▼
Fraud	3	3	15	8	93	69	0.0%	46.7%▼	25.8%▼
Larceny/Theft	48	17	175	95	1221	917	64.6%▼	45.7%▼	24.9%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	3	37	25	457	184	57.1%▼	32.4%▼	59.7%▼
Robbery	1	0	12	6	61	32	100.0%▼	50.0%▼	47.5%▼
Stolen Property	1	0	7	2	58	17	100.0%▼	71.4%▼	70.7%▼
Society	3	4	20	19	97	133	33.3%▲	5.0%▼	37.1%▲
Drug/Narcotic	3	3	18	12	60	89	0.0%	33.3%▼	48.3%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	2	2	11	0.0%	NC	450.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Weapon Law Violations	0	1	2	5	35	32	NC	150.0%▲	8.6%▼
Sector Totals	121	68	449	311	3416	2499	43.8%▼	30.7%▼	26.8%▼

NC = Noncalculable

Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 70.0% (14/20) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 17 DV-related offenses.
- 76.5% (13/17) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 65.0% (13/20) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 20 ≥ 17
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 12 ≥ 2

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 5 ≥ 4
- 2916 S 38th St: 0 ≥ 3
- 6443 South Tacoma Way: 0 ≥ 2
- 1913 S 72nd St: 1 ≥ 2
- 1811 S 76th St: 0 ≥ 2
- 3101 S 43rd St: 0 ≥ 2
- 3875 S 66th St: 0 ≥ 2
- There were 6 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Parking Lot: 23 ≥ 16
- Single Family Residence: 22 ≥ 9
- Apartment: 12 ≥ 7
- Street/Right Of Way: 13 ≥ 7
- Alley: 0 ≥ 4



Sector 4 Weekly Briefing for 14 July 2025 to 20 July 2025

The data is not National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant. Do not compare the results with any report using that standard. The data is dynamic and is subject to change and/or revision. The number of distinct offenses listed on a report are counted. This does not represent reports or individuals. All data is compared to last year for the same number of days or date range. Small numbers may cause large percent increases and decreases. Beginning 1 October 2022, there was a change in how TPD reports certain Aggravated Assaults and Destruction offenses.

Offense Breakdown	7 Days		28 Days		Year to Date		7 Days	28 Days	YTD
	14-Jul-2024	14-Jul-2025	23-Jun-2024	23-Jun-2025	01-Jan-2024	01-Jan-2025			
	20-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2025	20-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2025	20-Jul-2024	20-Jul-2025			
Persons	24	23	103	91	629	642	4.2% ▼	11.7% ▼	2.1% ▲
Assault	23	22	97	85	580	594	4.3% ▼	12.4% ▼	2.4% ▲
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	1	0	2	1	6	6	100.0% ▼	50.0% ▼	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	1	8	12	0.0%	0.0%	50.0% ▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0	1	3	4	35	30	NC	33.3% ▲	14.3% ▼
Property	71	55	298	275	2377	1725	22.5% ▼	7.7% ▼	27.4% ▼
Arson	0	1	2	9	11	21	NC	350.0% ▲	90.9% ▲
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	11	15	29	37	192	185	36.4% ▲	27.6% ▲	3.6% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	3	1	12	8	0.0%	66.7% ▼	33.3% ▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	19	14	74	66	565	389	26.3% ▼	10.8% ▼	31.2% ▼
Fraud	2	1	17	12	76	78	50.0% ▼	29.4% ▼	2.6% ▲
Larceny/Theft	23	15	109	106	904	711	34.8% ▼	2.8% ▼	21.3% ▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	6	45	31	459	223	25.0% ▼	31.1% ▼	51.4% ▼
Robbery	2	1	7	7	76	54	50.0% ▼	0.0%	28.9% ▼
Stolen Property	6	1	12	5	73	45	83.3% ▼	58.3% ▼	38.4% ▼
Society	4	12	11	37	119	254	200.0% ▲	236.4% ▲	113.4% ▲
Drug/Narcotic	2	10	5	31	65	186	400.0% ▲	520.0% ▲	186.2% ▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0% ▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.0%	0.0%	200.0% ▲
Weapon Law Violations	2	2	6	6	50	65	0.0%	0.0%	30.0% ▲
Sector Totals	99	90	412	403	3125	2621	9.1% ▼	2.2% ▼	16.1% ▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

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- There were 16 DV-related offenses.
- 68.8% (11/16) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 50.0% (11/22) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 13 ↗ 16
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 9 ↘ 3

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1415 E 72nd St: 1 ↗ 3
- 1302 S 38th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 1502 S 87th St: 0 ↗ 2
- S 56th St & Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 602 S Wright Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 3579 E R St: 0 ↗ 2
- 3701 E Portland Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 2 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 19 ↗ 31
- Street/Right Of Way: 24 ↘ 17
- Parking Lot: 20 ↘ 12
- Apartment: 8 ↗ 9
- Grocery Store: 4 ↗ 6



Tacoma City Council Constituent Intake Website Data Report: July 2025

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Submissions

687

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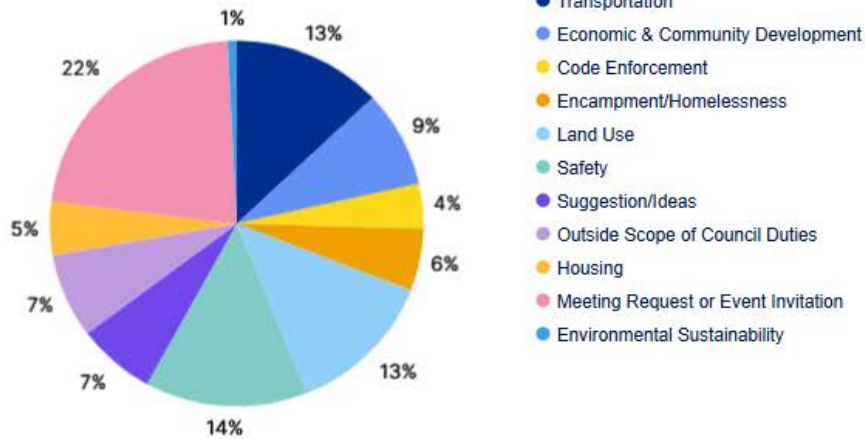
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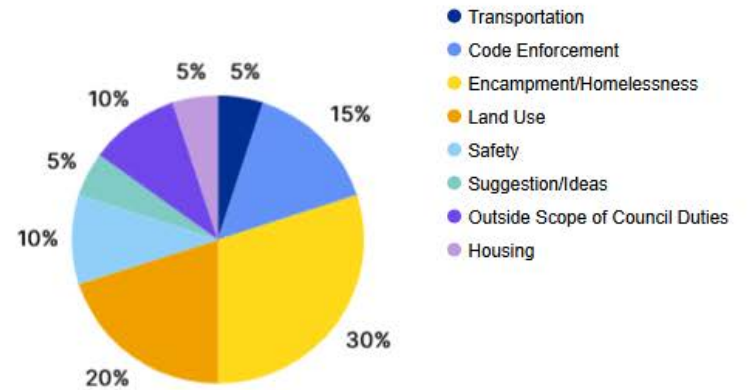
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Summary

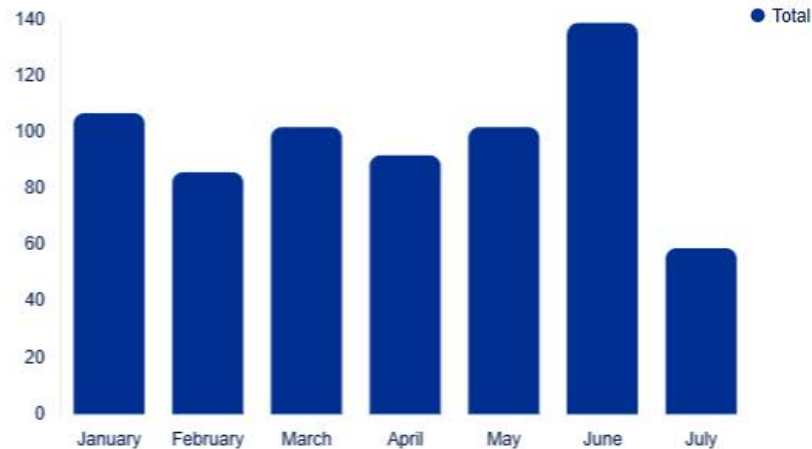


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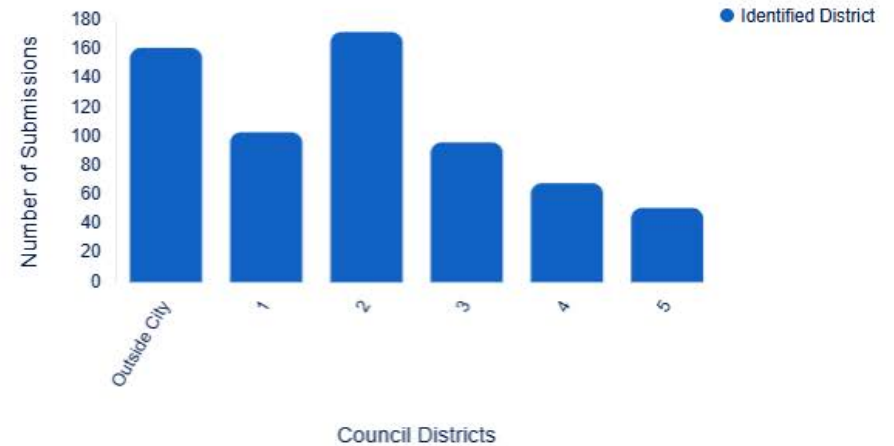


Submission Summary

Submissions by Month



Submissions by Council District



Contact: Karyssa Mathison, Constituent Relations Analyst
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MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2025

TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025		
5:00 PM	Local Improvement District (LID) Hearings*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
5:30 PM	Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group – Change of Location	South “J” Street and Division Ave. Contact Liz Kaster at 253-363-1135
5:30 PM	Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84205262657 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 842 0526 2657 Passcode: 237481 Contact Vicky McLaurin at HRCandCIRA@tacoma.gov
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
10:00 AM	Economic Development Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88227539908 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908 Passcode: 614650
11:15 AM	Bid Opening**	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-M1 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88402380573 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 884 0268 0573 Passcode: 070737 Visit www.tacomapurchasing.org
NOON	City Council Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89496171192 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569
5:00 PM	City Council Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84834233126 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025		
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED		
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025		
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED		



Meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the appropriate department(s) 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at 253-591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.

** Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at 253-502-8468 or www.tacomapurchasing.org to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, Council Member Kristina Walker, and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst

COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Ordinance to update Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.55, which is the Tacoma Creates program and the one tenth of one percent sales and use tax that funds it, to ensure funding continues to nurture and build durable cultural organizations in our city and provide access to arts, culture, heritage, and science programming – August 19, 2025**

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- Since 2019, Tacoma Creates has provided over \$30 million in funding to more than 100 cultural organizations, who in turn have produced more than 5,000 programs and events, reaching more than four million participants.¹

The Tacoma City Council is considering reauthorizing Tacoma Creates with councilmanic authority, creating an opportunity to make updates to the original code. We are proposing several updates that would uphold the intention of the voter-approved ordinance, while also bringing the code up to date with current needs and standards. Our recommended updates include:

- Making stylistic edits to update new office names and ensure consistency with current City terminology, such as updating the name of "Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality" to the "Arts and Cultural Vitality Division."

¹ [Tacoma Creates Initiative | City of Tacoma](#)

- Restructuring funding categories to better reflect administrative costs and identified needs in the community. Specifically, the “administration funding” percentage needs to be increased to keep delivering high-quality programs and customer service as the program workload grows. In addition, a new “cultural organization funding” category and a new “capital funding” category are needed to streamline programming support and increase funding for infrastructure needs to ensure the growth and longevity of our cultural organizations, particularly amid declining alternative resources.
- Expanding support for the Public School Cultural Access Program to reflect the City’s collaboration with Tacoma Public Schools and partner organizations on new out of school time programming, such as Summer Late Nights.

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DESIRED FIRST READING DATE: August 19, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, and Council Member Kristina Walker, along with Tacoma Creates staff, have met with the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and the Tacoma Creates Reauthorization Committee to seek feedback on the proposed code updates. In addition, Tacoma Creates staff have received community feedback on program implementation through report forms, roundtables sessions, and focus groups that has been incorporated into these proposed updates.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: Tacoma Creates directly aligns with Tacoma 2025, the City’s long-term strategic plan and community’s vision for the future.² Specifically, Tacoma Creates advances our goals to nurture a vibrant creative economy, improve community members’ ability to access arts, culture, heritage, and science programming, and bolster access to out of school time learning for young people. In addition, Tacoma Creates funding goals and criteria are informed by Resolution 40622 and the City’s Equity Index.³ Tacoma Creates aims to enhance equity and accessibility in cultural programming by supporting free programming, discounts, and scholarships, ensuring programming occurs citywide, and expanding disability access, such as opportunities for ASL-interpreted performances, low-sensory concerts, museum tours for people with vision impairment.⁴

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

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ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not update Tacoma Creates.	Tacoma Creates could continue to be implemented as is.	Council would miss an opportunity to make stylistic and substantive updates that reflect the current organizational, definitional, and administrative needs of the program.
Do not create a new funding category for capital expenditures.	Additional funding would go toward programming and capacity building.	Cultural organizations are likely to struggle to acquire financial assistance to purchase or renovate their workspaces, as well as costly equipment, potentially limiting their reach in the community and their ability to sustain their work.
Maintain the original administrative funding limit.	Some additional funding would go toward programming and capacity building.	The City would not be able to keep up with the administrative needs related to the consistent annual growth of 9–15 percent in applications and contracts and increased expectations for program implementation. The City would also not be able to meet the 3 percent citywide indirect cost assessment need. These gaps are likely to decrease the number of organizations that can be funded. It will also reduce staff's ability to deliver high-quality programs and customer support.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

If approved, the Arts and Cultural Vitality Division of the City's Community and Economic Development Department will continue to provide updates to the City Council on funding for Tacoma Creates. This includes continuing the Tacoma Creates annual report and providing a new high-level budget overview of the five core spending areas to City Council prior to the allocation of funding.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend moving the ordinance forward for first reading on August 19, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the impact of the proposed restructured allocations is projected in the table below, based on estimating \$8 million in revenue.




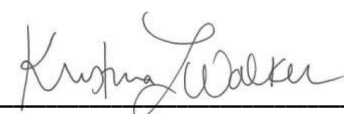
Program year 2026-27 Budget Projections (estimating \$8 million in revenue for the program)

	Current %	Current Allocations	Proposed %	Proposed Allocations
Cultural Organization Funding	≥78%	\$6,240,000	≥70%	\$5,600,000
Admin/Program Management	≤8%	\$880,000	≤14%	\$1,120,000
Capacity Building	≤6%	\$400,000	≤5%	\$400,000
Transportation	≤8%	\$480,000	≤5%	\$400,000
Capital	0%	\$0	≤6%	\$480,000
Total Expenses	100%	\$8,000,000	100%	\$8,000,000

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If you have a question related to the legislation, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@cityoftacoma.org.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

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4.  POS# 8

Attachment: Tacoma Creates Code – Full Draft

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In 2023, House Bill 1575 granted municipalities the option to reauthorize a sales and use tax for Cultural Access Programs, as established originally in the Revised Code of Washington Chapter 36.160, with councilmanic action.²³ As TMC Chapter 1.55 expires in 2026, Tacoma has an opportunity to be the first city in the state to use councilmanic authority to reauthorize our Cultural Access Program, paving the way for other cities across Washington to take similar action.

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Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, and Council Member Kristina Walker, along with Tacoma Creates staff, have met with the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and the Tacoma Creates Reauthorization Committee to seek feedback on reauthorizing the program. In early December 2024, Tacoma Creates staff also launched a community survey to learn more about how arts, culture, heritage, and science programming impact our community. This survey showed that 94.8 percent of respondents felt Tacoma Creates funding was “Very Important” or “Important” and that 91.5 percent felt that Tacoma Creates should be reauthorized by the City Council.

- The original Tacoma Creates legislation passed with 67.2 percent of the vote and every voting district in the city approved it, indicating robust citywide support.⁴ The Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) study, released in October 2023 by Americans for the Arts, confirmed Tacoma residents’ continued support for arts, particularly as a source of pride in a neighborhood.⁵

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ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not reauthorize Tacoma Creates with councilmanic authority and do not hold a public vote.	Tacoma residents would pay 1/10 th of 1 percent less in sales and use tax.	Tacoma's cultural organizations would face robust financial pressure, likely leading many to scale back or shut down. Creative workers in Tacoma would likely lose jobs and income, while students and young people would lose opportunities to participate in arts, culture, science, and heritage programming. Tacoma's standing as a leading arts city would be tarnished, possibly stoking diminished investment and lowering the quality of life for residents. Belief and trust in local government may also be damaged, as voters passed Tacoma Creates with overwhelming support citywide and continue to laud the program.
Hold a public vote regarding the reauthorization of Tacoma Creates.	Tacoma residents would have an opportunity to voice their position on the value of Tacoma Creates.	A vote of the people would require a costly campaign that would be the responsibility of the cultural sector, taking time, focus, and funds away from serving the community. In addition, a public vote is unlikely before November 2025, creating a gap in sales and use tax revenue collection that would jeopardize continuity of cultural programs and employment.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

If approved, the Arts and Cultural Vitality Division of the City's Community and Economic Development Department will continue to provide updates to the City Council on funding for Tacoma Creates. This includes continuing the Tacoma Creates annual report and providing a new high-level budget overview of the five core spending areas to City Council prior to the allocation of funding.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend moving the ordinance forward for first reading on August 19, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this ordinance will continue a sales and use tax of 1/10th of 1 percent to fund Tacoma Creates. This sales and use tax cost Tacoma residents about \$7.5 million in 2024. While the projected revenue for 2026 is about \$8 million, decreases in community spending would lower this estimate.



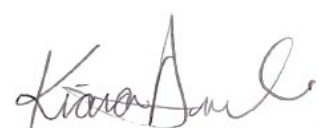
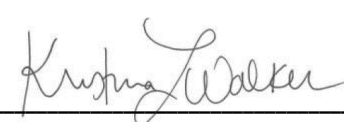
Past sales and use tax revenue by year are as follows:

- 2019: \$4,684,510
- 2020: \$5,990,889
- 2021: \$6,947,195
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- 2023: \$7,336,235
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CHAPTER 1.55

TACOMA CREATES

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- 1.55.100 Administration.

1.55.010 Creation of Tacoma Creates.

There is hereby established a Cultural Access Program in the City of Tacoma, enabled by RCW 36.160 and approved by Tacoma voters in November 2018 by a vote of 67.2 percent, to be known as “Tacoma Creates.” This chapter may also be referred to as the “Tacoma Creates Code.”

1.55.020 Declaration of purpose.

It is hereby declared, as a matter of public policy, that support for arts, culture, heritage, and science organizations throughout the City is in the public interest, and will serve multiple public purposes including, among others, enhancing and extending the education reach and offerings of cultural organizations; ensuring continued and expanded access to the facilities and programs of organizations by economically and geographically underserved populations; and providing financial stability to organizations to continue and extend the numerous public benefits they provide. Tacoma Creates will invest in cultural organizations of all types and sizes, and will ensure that equity and access goals are central in all funding programs.

The purpose of Tacoma Creates is to:

- A. Systemically support existing and nascent efforts of the cultural sector and aligned partners to actively engage the community, reach traditionally underserved populations, increase civic participation, and grow the talent, participation, and creativity across the City.
- B. Leverage and grow the significant public and private investment that has been committed to the revitalization of Tacoma through its cultural sector; expand investments to reach deeper into the neighborhoods; and expand access for all Tacoma residents to arts, culture, heritage and science events, venues, performances, large-scale City events, exhibits, and neighborhood activities.

- C. Increase and expand access to arts, culture, heritage, and/or science activities and experiences by creating welcoming places, relevant and diverse programming, and affordable and free programs.
- D. Support an increase in cultural activities in neighborhoods that reflect diverse cultures, lifestyles and interests, including, but not limited to, community festivals, street fairs, and creative place-making.
- E. Invest in organizations whose primary purpose is to advance or preserve arts, culture, heritage, and/or science, and who provide public programming in these areas.
- F. Support a diversity of arts, culture, heritage, and/or science programs that are Tacoma based and occur in Tacoma.
- G. Prioritize equity and access in programming and funding decisions.
- H. Invest in youth education opportunities and the partnerships and systems that increase access to these opportunities; and enhance and extend arts, culture, heritage, and science education for Tacoma Public Schools students through the Public School Cultural Access Program (“PSCAP”).
- I. Provide capacity building funding, training, and programs to support to strengthen, sustain and grow the ability of organizations to thrive and meet the needs of the community.
- J. To increase public awareness and highlight the importance of tribal cultural resources and the history of all the region's native and indigenous peoples.

1.55.030 Allocation of funding.

~~Pursuant to Resolution No. 40046, the following funding allocations were proposed and approved by the voters:~~

~~A. Neighborhood Funding.~~

~~A minimum of 52 percent of all revenues will equitably support programming located throughout Tacoma’s neighborhoods.~~

~~Programming in neighborhoods will include all public programs, youth education programs, and community events that occur outside of Tacoma’s downtown core but within the boundaries of the City of Tacoma.~~

~~Funding for the Public School Cultural Access Program will be a portion of Neighborhood Funding.~~

~~B. Increased Public Access.~~

~~Up to 26 percent of all revenues will support enhanced access to cultural sector programming for the benefit of Tacoma residents.~~

~~This may include the development or expansion of free or reduced-price admission programs~~

~~or scholarship programs; expansion of open public hours at cultural facilities; expansion of programming locations or transportation options; displays and installations in all communities that raise awareness of cultural resources within the City; expansion of inclusive programming that considers cultural relevance, language access, and ADA accessibility; strengthening and supporting existing work in any of these areas; and/or other efforts to reduce barriers to access for people across Tacoma.~~

A. Cultural Organization Funding

Minimum of 70 percent of all revenues will equitably support accessible cultural organization programming across the City of Tacoma, for the benefit of all residents of Tacoma.

At least 50 percent of funds will support programming outside of the downtown core but within the boundaries of the City of Tacoma.

Funding will support access to cultural and educational programming: this may include the development or expansion of free or reduced-price admission programs or scholarship programs; expansion of open public hours at cultural facilities; expansion of programming locations or transportation options; expansion of inclusive programming that considers cultural relevance, language access, and ADA accessibility; strengthening and supporting existing work in any of these areas; and/or other efforts to reduce barriers to accessing cultural opportunities for people across Tacoma. It may also help support operating expenses related to producing cultural programming, including staffing, insurance, and facilities costs.

C.B. Capacity Building.

Up to ~~6~~5 percent of all revenues will support efforts that build capacity for developing and implementing Tacoma Creates programming.

This may include funding for cultural organizations to improve or expand their internal capacity to deliver equitable public programs; professional development programs for cultural organization staff to enhance skills related to Tacoma Creates programming; providing technical support for cultural organizations in responding to Tacoma Creates application, grant management, or reporting requirements; and other opportunities to support growth and development for the cultural sector.

This may also include funding for shared resources that strengthen the cultural sector, including shared equipment, space, training, systems, services, and convenings.

C. Transportation.

Up to ~~8~~5 percent of all revenues will support transportation options for students enrolled in Tacoma Public Schools or Chief Leschi Schools to increase their access to Tacoma Creates-supported cultural ~~sector~~ programming.

D. Capital.

Up to 6 percent of all revenues will support a Capital Funding program, covering capital expenditures that support the sustainability of the cultural sector.

E. Administration.

Up to ~~8~~14 percent of all revenues will support administrative costs related to program

management.

1.55.40 Definitions.

An “Arts organization” ~~means an organization that provides~~ has a primary focus on programming across one or more of the following artistic fields: ~~creative place-making,~~ dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literary arts, multi-disciplinary arts, music, media arts, theater, and visual arts.

“Capital Expenditures” means acquisition of or construction of improvements to real property including additions to or renovation of existing structures; and new technology, fixtures, and other equipment designed to be in service for at least five years that is reasonably related to or necessary for public programming supported under this chapter.

“Cultural organizations” and/or “Cultural sector” means, collectively, organizations whose primary purpose is to advance and/or preserve arts, culture, heritage, and/or science, and who provide public programming in these areas.

~~“Culture organization” means an organization that provides programming that focuses on extending or sustaining the traditions, customs, language, knowledge, skills, trades, and/or celebrate the achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social identity group.~~

A “Culture organization” has a primary focus on public programming that seeks to advance or preserve the traditions, language, knowledge, skills, cuisine, or achievements of a particular nation or people with a shared and immutable personal identity trait.

“Downtown core” means the area within the following boundaries: North border is 6th Avenue; West border is Thea Foss Waterway and East L Street; South border is I-5; East border is Tacoma Avenue South.

“Equity” means minimizing historical, systematic, and institutional disparities and maximizing opportunities for all people. Equity takes into account context: history, current realities, and future outcomes. The purpose of equity in Tacoma Creates programming is to foster greater inclusiveness, increase diversity, and broaden participation in arts, culture, science, and heritage experiences.

“Fiscal sponsorship” means a formal arrangement in which a 501(c)(3) organization, based in Washington State, provides financial management and other administrative services for an organization that provides public benefit but lacks 501(c)(3) status. Fiscal sponsors will be eligible to receive and manage a funding contract from Tacoma Creates on behalf of the sponsored organization; fees charged by the fiscal sponsor to cover administrative costs may not exceed 10% of any funding contract.

~~“Heritage organization” means an organization that provides programming that focuses on the identification, documentation, exhibition, interpretation, and/or preservation of the past, including the people, places, events, and physical spaces of any community of people.~~

A “Heritage organization” has a primary focus on public programming centered on the

identification, documentation, exhibition, interpretation, celebration, and/or preservation of a community's history.

“Panel” means a group of individuals convened by staff to review applications or nominations using published review criteria, and make recommendations to the Advisory Board.

A “Science organization” ~~means an organization that provides~~ has a primary focus on public programming across one or more of the following scientific fields: physical sciences, life sciences, natural sciences, earth and space sciences, engineering, ~~technology, and work that applies scientific methods or engineering design cycles~~ and/or technology.

“Tacoma Creates Administration” means the ~~Office of~~ Arts & Cultural Vitality Division within the ~~Tacoma Venues~~ Community and ~~Events~~ Economic Development Department, or its successor within Tacoma’s administration.

1.55.050 Eligibility.

A. Organizations which fulfill the following eligibility criteria may apply for Tacoma Creates funding programs. Specific eligibility and criteria may vary, depending on the funding program, and may be revised from time to time by the Tacoma Creates Administration, in consultation with the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, based on experience with the program to ensure it continues to fulfill its purpose.

1. Eligibility Category A – Organizations meet all five primary eligibility criteria.
 - a. Primary Purpose: The organization’s primary purpose must be to advance and/or preserve arts, culture, heritage, and/or science.
 - b. Non-Profit Status: The organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.
 - c. Location: The organization’s official business address is in the City of Tacoma.
 - d. Program Delivery: The organization must directly provide programming or experiences to the general public in the City of Tacoma.
 - e. Track Record: The organization must have a two-year track record of providing programming or experiences to the general public in the City of Tacoma.
2. Eligibility Category B – An organization that does not meet the Track Record criteria, but meets all other criteria listed in Category A.
3. Eligibility Category C – An organization that does not meet the Non-Profit Status criteria, and may not meet the Track Record criteria, but does meet all other criteria listed in Category A. Organizations in this category may apply with a Fiscal Sponsor.
4. Eligibility Category D – An organization that does not meet the Location criteria, but meets all other criteria listed in Category A, and has a business address within Pierce County, and is able to demonstrate that at least ~~65~~75 percent of its public programming

occurs within the City of Tacoma.

5. Eligibility Category E – Affiliate Cultural Programs within a larger non-profit. Established and distinct cultural programs that meet the Primary Purpose, Location, and Program Delivery criteria, and are part of a larger non-profit, public-serving organization, may apply if the following additional eligibility criteria are met:

- a. Independent mission: Have a published mission statement independent of the parent organization.
- b. Independent board: Have a board or steering committee that guides the program, independent of the parent organization's board.
- c. Independent budget: Have a distinct, balanced budget, independent of the parent organization.
- d. Track record: Five years providing public programming in arts, culture, heritage, and/or science.
- e. Staff: Have dedicated, paid staff, equal to at least one full-time employee.
- f. Matching Funds: Provide a 1:1 cash match for Tacoma Creates funds.
- g. The parent organization must:
 - (1) Be a public-serving 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) non-profit organization.
 - (2) Be based in the City of Tacoma.
 - (3) Retain no more than 10 percent of any Tacoma Creates grant to support administrative services.

6. Eligibility Category F – Business District Associations and Neighborhood Councils.

Business District Associations (Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) 1.47) and Neighborhood Councils (TMC 1.45) recognized by the City of Tacoma may apply for funding for neighborhood-based arts, culture, heritage, and/or science programs or events, especially fairs and festivals, but must have a Fiscal Sponsor that is a 501(c)(3) organization in Tacoma that meets the Primary Purpose criteria of advancing or preserving arts, culture, heritage, and/or science.

B. Eligibility exclusions.

The specific eligibility exclusions noted in RCW 36.160 apply to all eligibility categories:

Funding cannot be distributed to any agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions; any municipal corporation; any organization that raises funds for redistribution to multiple cultural organizations; or any radio or television broadcasting network or station, cable communications system, internet-based communications venture or service, newspaper, or magazine.

1.55.060 Funding Programs.

Tacoma Creates funding programs will be designed to support a variety of types and sizes of organizations and programs that will provide public benefit in Tacoma, with a demonstrated commitment to improving equity and access. Organizational requirements for equity and inclusion, which will be detailed in funding application guidelines and evaluation criteria, will be designed to ensure a rigorous focus on addressing historical inequities in the cultural sector and in Tacoma.

Funding programs may be revised from time to time by the Tacoma Creates Administration, in consultation with the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, based on experience with the program to ensure it continues to fulfill its purpose.

A. Funding Category 1.

Organizations in any eligibility category may apply for funding that will support public programs in arts, culture, heritage, and/or science, and will address one or more of these primary public benefit areas:

1. Increasing public access to cultural programs and/or facilities;
2. Providing neighborhood and community-based programs; or
3. Providing educational programs for youth.

Funding levels will be determined by the Advisory Board.

B. Funding Category 2.

Organizations in Eligibility Category A may apply for funding in this category if they commit to meeting all three primary public benefit areas:

1. Increasing public access to cultural programs and/or facilities;
2. Providing neighborhood and community-based programs; and
3. Providing educational programs for youth.

Organizations applying in this funding category will be encouraged to demonstrate collaborative efforts and continuous improvement towards sustainability of the organization. Funding levels in this grant category will be determined by the Advisory Board, but set at a maximum of 15 percent of an organization's total budget, up to a maximum of \$400,000 per year, [not including capital funding](#).

Eligible organizations may apply in either Funding Category 1 or Category 2, but not both.

Eligible organizations may participate in the PSCAP.

Additional funding programs may be developed over the life of the Tacoma Creates program in order to meet emerging needs and opportunities.

1.55.070 Application review Panels.

A. An independent panel will be convened to review applications for each round of funding. The application review panel will consist of members of the Advisory Board, in addition to a

diverse representation of community members who provide content expertise and community-based knowledge.

- B. Panel members may be recommended by the Advisory Board, as well as staff.
- C. A unique group of individuals will be convened for each application review panel.
- D. Panels will review applications using published review criteria, and submit funding recommendations to the Advisory Board for review and approval.

1.55.080 Public School Cultural Access Program (“PSCAP”).

Pursuant to RCW 36.160.110, Tacoma Creates must designate a percentage of total funds available annually to be reserved for a public school cultural access program established and managed by the City to increase access to cultural activities and programming for public school students resident in the City. Tacoma Creates will dedicate 15-30 percent of total funds to support PSCAP, inclusive of systems support. [PSCAP expenses may be funded through any funding category outlined in 1.55.030.](#)

PSCAP programs will be developed for the benefit of Tacoma Public Schools (“TPS”) students and teachers. Tacoma Creates will invest in cultural organizations that provide programming, and in the partnerships and systems that increase access to these opportunities.

PSCAP will offer benefits to every public school in TPS, while prioritizing schools based on various indicators of gaps in equity and opportunity, including free and reduced-price meals percentages. [PSCAP also covers Chief Leschi Schools and public charter schools within Tacoma city limits.](#)

Tacoma Creates will support a wide range of programming within the PSCAP, as described below.

Tacoma Creates will build the capacity of cultural organizations to develop and deliver high quality and inclusive programs that help TPS meet their goals for student success, academically and socially, and in alignment with the Whole Child Initiative. Tacoma Creates will support the development of tools and materials to support alignment with school curricula and state standards.

[Tacoma Creates will collaborate with TPS and partner organizations on Out of School Time \(OST\) programming for TPS students, including Summer Late Nights, Beyond the Bell, Club B, and/or any designated successor programs.](#)

A. Programming that ~~may~~[can](#) be covered by PSCAP funds:

1. Expanded Learning Opportunities (“ELO”): ~~Before/after-school classes, summer classes, offered in partnership with and on the campuses of TPS, and in collaboration with one or more ELO partners that manage logistics required to enable successful programming.~~ [Tacoma Creates-funded organizations may can offer classes as part of Out of School Time \(OST\) programs led by TPS. This includes before/after-school programs and summer programs.](#)

2. Systems support for ELO: ~~Tacoma Creates will help support ELO partner(s) expenses related to staffing, marketing, coordinating registration, transportation, snacks, etc. necessary to support a comprehensive ELO system that serves all students.~~ Tacoma Creates may can fund administrative costs for a TPS OST program partner to help support the staffing, registration, marketing, and other expenses required to facilitate Tacoma Creates-funded organizations' participation in the OST programs. Systems support costs may also include capacity building and sustainability efforts such as photography/videography, evaluation efforts, and training costs.
3. School Day Programs at TPS sites: Learning opportunities offered by Tacoma Creates-funded organizations that occur during the regular school day, as part of basic education.
4. School Day and School Break Field Trips: TPS classes traveling off-campus to an arts, culture, heritage, and/or science learning experience led by a Tacoma Creates-funded organization. Tacoma Creates funding would cover bus transportation as well as the cost of the learning experience.
5. Professional Development and Curriculum Support: Tacoma Creates-supported organizations may collaborate with TPS to offer professional learning programs for certified teachers/district staff, and/or collaborative curriculum development, in order to improve schools' capacity to deliver high-quality learning experiences in arts, culture, heritage, and science.
6. Capacity Building for Cultural Organization Educators: Professional learning programming offered by Tacoma Creates to support high-quality instruction in PSCAP programs. This may include, but not be limited to, topics such as instructional design, social justice and racial equity in K-12 education, social emotional learning, and trauma-informed practice.
7. Early Learning Programs: Arts/culture/heritage/science education programs offered in collaboration with TPS pre-school programs (Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program ("ECEAP")).
8. High School Internships: Opportunities for students in grades 9-12 to earn relevant work experience within an arts, culture, heritage, and/or science organization.
9. Emerging Opportunities: Additional opportunities not detailed here, but which support arts, culture, heritage, and/or science learning for TPS students and teachers may be included in PSCAP funding.

1.55.090 Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.

A. Composition of Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board will consist of 12 volunteer members appointed by City Council. All members will be residents of the City of Tacoma. All members will have interest in and familiarity with public programming in the arts, culture, heritage, and/or science. All

members will have an interest in Tacoma Creates goals regarding equity, access, and programs that provide public benefit for residents across Tacoma.

The Advisory Board, as a whole, will reflect the diversity of the City; board appointments will take into account racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender, age, and other aspects of personal and professional identity.

B. The Advisory Board shall consist of members who represent the following:

1. A community member from Council District 1.
2. A community member from Council District 2.
3. A community member from Council District 3.
4. A community member from Council District 4.
5. A community member from Council District 5.
6. Professional expertise in ~~the arts~~ arts, culture, heritage, science, and/or community engagement.
7. Professional expertise in ~~culture~~ arts, culture, heritage, science, and/or community engagement.
8. Professional expertise in ~~heritage~~ arts, culture, heritage, science, and/or community engagement.
9. Professional expertise in ~~science~~ arts, culture, heritage, science, and/or community engagement.
10. Professional expertise in arts, culture, heritage, science, and/or community engagement
- ~~10.11. Professional expertise in Pre-K-12 public education in Tacoma.
Expertise in community engagement/community development.~~
- ~~11.12. Youth/Young Adult~~ Seat: A representative from the Mayor's Youth Commission, or an individual with interest or background in the cultural sector between the ages of 16 and 24.

c. Terms of Advisory Board Members.

~~For the initial board appointments, the terms will be staggered as follows: four seats, for a one-year term; four seats, for a two-year term; and four seats, for a three-year term. Thereafter, all~~ All terms shall be for three years, except the youth/young adult seat, which shall be a one-year appointment. Members may be reappointed for a second term, but shall serve no more than six consecutive years (or three consecutive years for the emerging leader seat). In the event that a position is vacated before the expiration of the term, the position shall be filled by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. All terms shall be for three years, except the emerging leader seat, which shall be a one-year appointment. Members may be reappointed for a second term, but shall serve no more than six consecutive years (or, three consecutive years for the emerging leader seat). In the event that a position is

vacated before the expiration of the term, the position shall be filled by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

D. Authority of the Advisory Board.

1. The Advisory Board will be advisory to the Tacoma Creates Administration on funding programs to support public benefit in arts, culture, heritage, and science programs throughout Tacoma.

E. Roles and Responsibilities of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will:

1. Act in an advisory capacity to the Tacoma Creates Administration on matters related to Tacoma Creates.
2. Review and recommend funding guidelines and review criteria, including funding levels.
3. Participate in application review panels, along with additional community member representatives.
4. Review and approve funding recommendations from review panels to ensure fidelity to review criteria and process.
5. Review and provide input on reporting processes to ensure alignment with public benefit goals.
6. Review outcomes from funded organizations to ensure compliance with Tacoma Creates mandates and to ensure effective stewardship of Tacoma Creates funds.
7. Participate in the preparation of annual reports to the City Council.
8. Review and provide input on a variety of Tacoma Creates efforts in addition to grant funding, such as capacity building efforts to support the sector, building collaborative partnerships, and advancing the visibility of the program in the community.
9. Serve as outreach ambassadors of Tacoma Creates to arts, culture, heritage, and science organizations, and the general public.

F. Meetings of the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board shall convene during a regular time and place of meeting, and shall hold a minimum of six regular meetings a year.

G. Organization and procedures.

1. In consultation with the Tacoma Creates Administration, the Advisory Board may make and alter any rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure not inconsistent with this chapter or any other ordinance of the City.
2. A simple majority of appointed, filled positions shall constitute a quorum.
3. A majority vote of the quorum is required to pass any motion.
4. A Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected by the Advisory Board, from among the Advisory Board members, to serve one- year terms. Chair and Vice-Chair terms are

renewable by vote of the Advisory Board.

5. The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Advisory Board. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair is authorized to perform and carry out all of the duties and obligations of the Chair.
6. If the Chair relinquishes authority or quits before the Chair's term ends, the Vice Chair automatically becomes Chair.
7. In the event that the Vice Chair relinquishes authority or quits before the Vice Chair's term ends, a new general election will take place, electing a new Vice Chair for the completion of the term.
8. Committee chairs may be appointed by the Chair or elected by the Advisory Board as a whole.

1.55.100 Administration.

Tacoma Creates will be administered by the ~~Office of~~ Arts & Cultural Vitality Division. Staff from the ~~Office of~~ Arts & Cultural Vitality Division will be dedicated to implementing Tacoma Creates and supporting the Advisory Board.

The ~~Office of~~ Arts & Cultural Vitality Division will adopt an Equity and Inclusion strategy to guide the work of the Office, the Advisory Board, grantmaking, and programming.

Staff will keep accurate records of the Advisory Board's proceedings and transactions, conduct official correspondence, organizing meetings and providing technical support to the Advisory Board to the extent required to administer this chapter.

In addition, the ~~Office of~~ Arts & Cultural Vitality Division staff will:

- A. Implement and administer Tacoma Creates funding programs;
- B. Develop and implement programming that supports the purposes of Tacoma Creates;
- C. Act as resource and ombudsman for Tacoma Creates;
- D. Coordinate the development of funding guidelines and review criteria, for review and approval by the Advisory Board;
- E. Manage and implement the application review panels;
- F. Manage contracting according to City procedures;
- G. Make public presentations on issues related to Tacoma Creates;
- H. Recommend such policies, rules, and regulations for adoption by the Advisory Board as are deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
- I. Respond to requests for interpretations of the codes, policies, and procedures related to Tacoma Creates, as defined herein and within related documents adopted by the Advisory Board.

- J. In addition to the Advisory Board, convene one or more technical work groups including perspectives such as, but not limited to, arts, culture, heritage and science sector representatives from various sized organizations, education, transportation delivery, and equity and inclusion to better inform and provide input on a regular basis on the delivery of Tacoma Creates for the benefit of the public.
- K. Perform other duties as required to carry out the intent and purpose of Tacoma Creates.
- L. Present a spending plan to City Council on an annual basis, including recommendations for how to utilize any fund balance above reserves. Spending any fund balance above reserves requires Council approval, and must be used in alignment with the Municipal Code uses of Tacoma Creates funding.-

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
July 29, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Initiative Measure No. 2 Review	Legal - Chris Bacha, City Manager's Office - Hyun Kim	Staff will review Initiative Measure No. 2
		Council Consideration Requests - Tacoma Creates	Mayor Woodards	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
August 5, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)			
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
August 12, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD) Code Update Public Hearing Prep	Planning and Development - Maryam Moeinian, Stephen Atkinson, Dana Delon, Glen George, Erin Dilworth, Tacoma Pierce County Staff - Esther Beaumier	The purpose of this presentation is to prepare for the public hearing on the STGPD code update and share the Planning Commission’s recommendations.
		Tideflats Subarea Planning - Planning Commissions Findings of Fact and Recommendation	Planning and Development Services - Principal Planner Stephen Atkinson	This meeting is intended to be an introduction to the City Council on the Planning Commission’s proposed amendments to the Tideflats Steering Committee Draft Subarea Plan, the Draft Planned Action Ordinance (RCW 43.21c.440), and proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 13.06 Zoning and Title 19 Shoreline Master Program.
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
August 19, 2025	Joint City Council / Tacoma Utility Boards Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD) Code Update Public Hearing Debrief	Planning and Development - Maryam Moeinian, Stephen Atkinson, Dana Delon, Glen George, Erin Dilworth, Tacoma Pierce County Staff - Esther Beaumier	The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a public hearing debrief for the City Council as part of the process to adopt the draft STGPD code.
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
August 26, 2025	Joint City Council / Library Board of Trustees Joint Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Tacoma Public Library Informational Briefing	Library Staff - Kendra Jones, Lyndea Kelleher	Staff from the Tacoma Public Library will provide an informational briefing
		Budget Update	Finance - Andy Cherullo	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
September 2, 2025	*Cancelled			

Community Vitality and Safety Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Rumbaugh, (Vice Chair) CM Walker, CM Sadalge, and CM Scott Alternate: CM Diaz Executive Liaison: Vicky McLaurin; Coordinator: Arsenio Roddy-Little		2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • Commission on Disabilities • Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs • Community's Police Advisory Committee • Housing Authority • Human Rights Commission • Human Services Commission • Public Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
July 24, 2025	Commissions, Boards, and Committees Emerging Leader Seat Proposal	Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh; City Council; Lynda Foster, Senior Council Policy Analyst, City Manager's Office	Policy proposal to standardize requirements, recruitment, and appointment processes for all Commissions, Boards, and Committee youth seat positions.
August 14, 2025	Building Resilience Against Youth Violence and Exploitation Funding Recommendation	Sarah Bridgeford, Principal Community Resource Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services	Report out on competitive funding process
August 28, 2025	Rental Housing Code and Landlord Fairness Code Initiative Update	Felicia Medlen, Mindee Webber, Lynda Foster	Report out on partners we have met with regarding tenant, rental, fair housing, and new state code.

Economic Development Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) DM Daniels, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Bushnell, and CM Scott Alternate: CM Rumbaugh; Executive Liaison: Tanja Carter; Coordinator: Anna Le		2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • City Events and Recognition Committee • Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee • Convention Center Public Facilities District • Tacoma Arts Commission • Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
July 29, 2025	Tacoma Mall Subarea Art and Placemaking Plan	Rebecca Solverson, Arts and Cultural Vitality Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Linda Wysong, Artist	Staff will present the Tacoma Mall Subarea Art and Placemaking Plan, developed by artists Horatio Law and Linda Wysong. The Art and Placemaking Plan is a recommendation of the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan adopted by City Council in 2018, and will help guide public art and placemaking investments over the next 10 to 15 years.
August 12, 2025	Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill eight seats on the Advisory Committee with terms to begin September 1, 2025.
	Green Economic Development Strategy Update	Paul Bakker, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development	Staff will provide an update on the Green Economic Development Strategy's second year of implementation, originally adopted by the Council on June 13, 2023.
August 26, 2025	Community Reinvestment Project Outcomes	Dierdre Patterson, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development	This presentation will provide an update on the outcomes of the \$4.65 million Community Reinvestment Project (CRP) funding, focusing on the impact of business loans and grants in supporting local entrepreneurs and promoting economic equity. Staff will also share key metrics, success stories, and lessons learned.

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Hines, (Vice Chair) CM Bushnell, DM Daniels, and CM Rumbaugh Alternate: CM Walker Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator: Chantra Real		1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • Audit Advisory Board • Board of Ethics • Civil Service Board • Public Utility Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
August 5, 2025	Multi Family Tax Credit (MFTE) Update	Chair Hines and Policy Staff	A review of proposed changes to the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program.
August 19, 2025	Massage Business Regulatory License	Danielle Larson, T&L Division Manager, Finance	Staff is proposing a new regulatory license for massage businesses to ensure they are employing licensed and certified persons to provide massage services and following state health and licensing requirements. The new license is intended to inhibit the ability of an individual or business to engage in the practice of providing unlicensed massage and support the legitimate provision of these services by licensed massage practitioners.
September 2, 2025	Hold for potential agenda item from August		
September 16, 2025			

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Walker, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Hines, and CM Sadalge Alternate: CM Bushnell Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez; Coordinator: Anna Le		2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • Board of Building Appeals • Climate and Sustainability Commission • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Planning Commission • Transportation Commission • Urban Design Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
August 13, 2025	Transportation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill three seats on the Commission for terms to begin September 1, 2025.
August 27, 2025	Transportation Impact Fees Update	Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Division Manager; Public Works; Kendra Breiland, Principal Planner, Fehr & Peers	Staff and consultant will provide a presentation on Transportation Impact Fees, including updates resulting from feedback received at the June 11, 2025, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting.
	System Development Charges	Hayley Falk, Business Services Manager; Nathan Crain, Business Services Analyst, Environmental Services	Staff from Environmental Services will present on the proposed implementation of System Development Charges related to stormwater and wastewater.
September 10, 2025	15% Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax Revenues for Pedestrian Safety	Jeffrey Jenkins, Director, Public Works	This presentation will review the usage of the 15% set aside for Pedestrian Safety of the Transportation Benefit District Sales and Use Tax Revenues.
September 17, 2025 Special Meeting	Transformed Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program	Brennan Kidd, Assistant Division Manager; Qi Chen, Neighborhood Programs Engineer	The presentation will share information about the updated program, including its structure, goals, tools, and funding.