



RESOLUTION NO. 41215

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL, DANIELS, AND HINES

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$7,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor the Summer
4 Coding Workshop Series developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at
5 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab and hosted by
6 Tacoma Public Libraries.

7 WHEREAS the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the Massachusetts Institute of
8 Technology Media Lab develops innovative technologies and cultivates caring
9 communities to engage young people from diverse backgrounds in creative learning
10 experiences, and

11 WHEREAS this Summer Coding Workshop Series ("Workshop Series") will
12 focus on reaching a diverse group of participants and reinforcing stories from
13 marginalized communities that are drawn from the Tacoma Public Library Summer
14 Reading Program, and

15 WHEREAS this Workshop Series will provide an opportunity to explore and
16 learn how to use a new block-based coding app being developed by the Lifelong
17 Kindergarten group, and

18 WHEREAS the app allows users to take photos and record sounds, and then
19 bring them to life with code, and

20 WHEREAS this Workshop Series will help participants build a wide variety of
21 skills, including learning coding work and creative thinking by creating games,
22 stories, and animations, and
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WHEREAS the books selected for the Workshop Series will focus on amplifying stories from marginalized communities, including people of color, women, and people with disabilities, and

WHEREAS this new block-based coding language is set to be officially released in the fall of 2023, giving Tacoma’s youth the opportunity to be amongst the first group of people to create using the app, and

WHEREAS this sponsorship would enable Lifelong Kindergarten group to purchase 20, 9th Generation iPads for the Workshop Series at an educational price of \$309.00 per iPad and critical accessories, and

WHEREAS, additionally, the sponsorship would include a memorandum of understanding between Lifelong Kindergarten group and the Tacoma Public Library for the iPads to be donated to the Library after the conclusion of the workshop series, and

WHEREAS the Workshop Series will be held at a variety of Tacoma Public Library locations and times in order to reach a diverse group of participants, and

WHEREAS, at the June 6, 2023, Study Session, Council Member Daniels, shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of up to \$7,000, from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor the first Summer Coding Workshop Series developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab and hosted by Tacoma Public Libraries, and

WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services, with terms and deliverables for the City’s contribution, and



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WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$7,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of sponsorship of the Summer Coding Workshop Series developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab and hosted by Tacoma Public Libraries.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Lifelong Kindergarten group at the Massachusetts Institute



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of Technology Media Lab for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney