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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fircrest – South 19th Street
Median Islands Maintenance – May 7, 2019
DATE: April 15, 2019

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fircrest establishing maintenance responsibilities for South 19th Street medians between the entrance to the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities and Mildred Street West.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

In partnership with the City of Fircrest, this agreement clarifies maintenance responsibilities for South 19th Street medians between the entrance to the Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) and Mildred Street West.

BACKGROUND:

The Cities of Tacoma and Fircrest each own half of South 19th Street including half of the center lane on South 19th Street between Alameda Avenue and Mildred Street West. Both cities wish to make improvements along the shared corporate boundary. The City of Fircrest adopted Resolution No. 1573 on January 22, 2019, authorizing their City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tacoma establishing maintenance responsibilities for South 19th Street medians between the entrance to TACID and Mildred Street West. The term of the agreement shall be indefinite, unless terminated by the agencies.

ISSUE:

The City of Tacoma and City of Fircrest both desire to make improvements along the shared corporate boundary including the installation and maintenance of raised median islands. The construction and maintenance of the planned improvements would be more efficiently accomplished by using a pre-determined maintenance approach. The agreement provides that the City of Fircrest will maintain the new median island at approximately the westerly entrance to Tacoma Community College (TCC) on South 19th Street and that the City of Tacoma will maintain the recently refurbished median island at the easterly driveway to TCC on South 19th Street.

ALTERNATIVES:

Maintenance would continue to be done without the Interlocal Agreement. Having less clarity on responsibility could negatively impact the two agencies' efforts to work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for the community.



RECOMMENDATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.