



RESOLUTION NO. 41442

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, RUMBAUGH, AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds in the
3 amount of \$20,000, to support the Pierce County Climate Conversation.

4 WHEREAS, the Pierce County Climate Conversation (“Climate
5 Conversation”) is a partnership among jurisdictions working collaboratively to
6 address challenges brought on by climate change, and

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8 WHEREAS the Climate Conversation began working in 2023 towards the
9 countywide goal of reducing greenhouse gases by 45 percent by 2030, following
10 the Pierce County Sustainability Plan 2030, and has been facilitated through
11 volunteer efforts, and

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13 WHEREAS the Climate Conversation brings together a broad group of
14 elected officials in conversation for: (1) fact finding, (2) seeking funding for shared
15 projects, (3) sharing resources to develop common policy and objectives and
16 implementing actions, and (4) supporting jurisdictions in integrating climate goals
17 and policy throughout their comprehensive plans together with implementation
18 actions, and

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20 WHEREAS this resolution would provide one-time funding for consultant
21 services to continue facilitating the Climate Conversation while developing a work
22 plan and determining membership responsibilities, commitments, and a sustainable
23 funding plan so that City-funded consultant support will no longer be needed, and

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25 WHEREAS while this is a countywide initiative, the City has been a leader in
26 this work with our Climate Action Plan (“Action Plan”), our Climate Emergency



1 Resolution in 2019, and our Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and regional actions
2 to address climate change impact the City, and

3 WHEREAS our Action Plan intends to be a tool to serve overburdened and
4 frontline communities' needs and priorities, beyond reducing emissions and building
5 resilience against climate impacts, and
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7 WHEREAS this is intended to be one-time funding, and additional needs are
8 not intended to be funded by the City through contingency funds or in the 2025-
9 2026 biennium budget, and
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11 WHEREAS, at the May 14, 2024, Study Session, Council
12 Member Rumbaugh shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-
13 time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the Climate
14 Conversation, and

15 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
16 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
17 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
18 adopting the budget, and
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20 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
21 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
22 Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Pierce County Climate Conversation.

Section 2. That City staff are authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement for consultant services to accomplish the following between June 2024 and June 2025: (1) develop and present options for membership responsibilities and commitments, and a sustainable funding plan, (2) meet with each participant to gauge needs and gather feedback, (3) lead steering committee meetings (8-10), (4) attend steering committee meetings (8-10), (5) develop agendas for Climate Conversation, (6) facilitate priorities discussions, including regional collaboration for projects/programs/grants, climate legislation discussion, et cetera, (7) coordinate outside speakers and presenters, (8) facilitate Climate Conversation meetings (4-6), (9) develop annual work plan, (10) develop annual report that highlights countywide successes, (11) curate and communicate relevant resources to elected officials and staff, including grants, (12) administratively update mailing lists, name tents, mailings, RSVPs, et cetera, and presentation preparation, and (13) connect with community organizations and partnerships; and City staff may adjust and negotiate the scope of work to cover as much as possible if the funding is not sufficient to cover the entire scope.



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Section 3. That City staff shall report back to City Council the outcome of the work.

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Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney