



RESOLUTION NO. 39539

1 A RESOLUTION relating to parks and recreation; authorizing the execution of an
2 Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and Metropolitan Park
3 District of Tacoma (“Metro Parks”) to address a policy change relating to
4 City subsidy of property maintenance performed by Metro Parks, as well
5 as language to improve the collaborative partnership going forward.

6 WHEREAS the City contracts with the Metropolitan Park District of
7 Tacoma (“Metro Parks”) for the maintenance of City-owned park/recreational
8 properties, including properties transferred from the City to Metro Parks in past
9 agreements, and

10 WHEREAS a maintenance-oriented Interlocal Agreement has been in
11 place since 2004, with the most recent agreement executed in 2008, and

12 WHEREAS the current agreement includes a funding decrement that does
13 not reflect the budget policy adopted by the City Council for the 2015-2016
14 biennium, and

15 WHEREAS, without a funding replacement option, a funding decrement
16 policy would require Metro Parks to identify replacement funding to maintain
17 service levels or decrease future services as City support is systematically
18 withdrawn, and

19 WHEREAS the current agreement also does not address such concepts
20 as baseline funding adjustments for inflation; jointly pursuing new revenue
21 sources; a capital reserve for the maintenance and repair of assets; or a
22 mechanism by which City and Metro Parks staff will collaborate on projects and
23 issues of mutual interest, which would be beneficial for the effective and efficient
24 use of taxpayer resources, and
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1 WHEREAS the City and Metro Parks have concluded that a “master”
2 interlocal agreement, removing the decrement and adding language that
3 recognizes strategic interagency collaboration efforts, is necessary to provide
4 clarity going forward, and

5 WHEREAS it is also necessary to revisit the level of service for each
6 property maintained by Metro Parks on the City’s behalf, to gain a clear
7 understanding of the baseline funding allocation usage, and

8 WHEREAS, on May 18, 2016, the proposed agreement was presented to
9 the Government Performance and Finance Committee, and the Committee
10 recommended the agreement for consideration by the City Council, and
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12 WHEREAS, on August 22, 2016, the proposed agreement was presented
13 to the Metro Parks Board of Commissioners and was unanimously approved by
14 the Board, and

15 WHEREAS the proposed agreement maintains a higher level of support to
16 Metro Parks that will ultimately improve the quality of life for residents, and will
17 provide the mechanisms by which staff will work collaboratively to carry out the
18 strategic visions of both entities; Now, Therefore,

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

21 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an
22 interlocal agreement with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma (“Metro Parks”),
23 for the purpose of addressing a change in policy relating to City subsidy of property
24 maintenance performed by Metro Parks, as well as adding language to improve
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1 the collaborative partnership going forward, said document to be substantially in
2 the form of the Interlocal Agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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4 Adopted _____

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney

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