



RESOLUTION NO. 40426

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE
2 AND MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time payment of \$45,000 from the City
4 Council Contingency Fund to support the final phase of KNKX 88.5 FM's
5 capital campaign to renovate the historic C.N. Gardner Building, for the
6 purpose of providing education space for youth and adults, and
7 programming to encourage civic dialogue, with payment contingent on
8 securing sufficient funds to complete the project; and, directing the City
9 Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for services with terms
10 and deliverables for the City's contribution.

11 WHEREAS KNKX 88.5 FM (formerly KPLU) ("KNKX") has served as the
12 region's leading source of jazz, blues, and in-depth local and National Public Radio
13 ("NPR") news since 1966, reaches 500,000 weekly listeners, and continues to
14 grow, and

15 WHEREAS in 2016, following an unprecedented community effort in which
16 20,000 listeners gave \$8,000,000 to save the station, KNKX became an
17 independent station, and the terms of the sale from Pacific Lutheran University
18 ("PLU") where the station was housed, required KNKX to move off the PLU campus
19 in the summer of 2019, and

20 WHEREAS the need to find a new location has presented KNKX with an
21 opportunity to make a greater impact and connection in the community, and
22 relocating to the historic C.N. Gardner Building at 930 Broadway will also enable
23 KNKX to increase music and news activities in Tacoma by including gathering
24 space for hosting roundtable discussions on community issues, training students to
25 record and edit stories, producing content with local partners, and expanding
26 educational outreach and partnerships in the community, and



1 WHEREAS, at the August 20, 2019, Study Session, Council Member Mello
2 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$45,000
3 from the Council Contingency Fund for funding to support the final phase of KNKX's
4 capital campaign to renovate the historic C.N. Gardner Building, for the purpose of
5 providing education space for youth and adults, and programming to encourage
6 civic dialogue, and
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8 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
9 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, with funding to be contingent
10 upon KNKX securing sufficient funds to complete the project, and
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12 WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the
13 Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
14 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
15 adopting the budget, and
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17 WHEREAS the need for this expenditure could not have been foreseen or
18 reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial 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,

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

24 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$45,000, budgeted from
25 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting
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the final phase of KNKX 88.5 FM's ("KNKX") capital campaign to renovate the historic C.N. Gardner Building at 930 Broadway, for the purpose of providing education space for youth and adults, and programming to encourage civic dialogue.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with KNKX for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney