

RESOLUTION NO. 39005

A RESOLUTION relating to a lease agreement between the City and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for the Pantages Theater; and authorizing an early termination of various subleases with tax credit investors and payment of a termination fee.

WHEREAS in February 1983, the City of Tacoma entered into a series of simultaneous lease transactions (the "Lease") in order to monetize available tax credits to provide funding for improvements to the Pantages Theater, and

WHEREAS, while the transaction was complex and involved a number of leases and subleases between the City and limited purpose entities, it is, at its most fundamental level, a 65-year lease between the City, through the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Agency, and tax credit investors, led by Urban Securities Profit Sharing Trust, Inc., and

WHEREAS the Lease expires in 2048, with optional early termination, at fair market value, in either 2018 or 2028, and

WHEREAS the Broadway Center is currently in the process of soliciting public and private donations and support through its Centennial Campaign, in which the funds raised will be used to make improvements to the City's performing arts facilities, and

WHEREAS the goal of the campaign is to raise approximately \$45 million from combined sources, including a requested amount of \$15 million from the City of Tacoma, and

WHEREAS the Broadway Center's request of the City consists of three distinct phases: (1) terminating the Lease; (2) exploring the potential of



structuring and issuing a new market tax credit financing of approximately \$7 million; and (3) donating approximately \$8 million in cash, and

WHEREAS the City has advised the Broadway Center of its current structural budget deficit and constraints on providing credit and/or cash resources to the Centennial Campaign and has advised that it may not be able to complete all of the phases, and

WHEREAS the City is nearing completion on the first phase of the plan and is poised to effectuate the termination on September 10, 2014, and

WHEREAS this early termination will release contractual encumbrances on the facilities and allow the City to pursue the second phase of the plan, which is to explore the possibility of structuring a new market tax credit financing to raise funds which could then be applied to the Centennial Campaign's \$15 million funding request, and

WHEREAS a portion of the up-front payment received by the City when the Lease was originated in 1983 was invested and specifically reserved to offset the termination price in the City's option years of 2018 or 2028, and

WHEREAS the reserved amount is sufficient to satisfy the termination payment of \$3.295 million, such that the City will not be utilizing General Fund moneys for this purpose, and

WHEREAS once termination has been successfully completed, staff will begin evaluating options which may be utilized to fund improvements to the Broadway Center facilities; Now, Therefore,



Adopted _____

City Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

That the City Council hereby authorizes early termination of the leveraged subleases relating to the Pantages Theater, payment of the termination fee, and the execution of any and all documents to effectuate the same, including mutual releases of any and all representations, warranties, claims, liabilities and obligations.

attest:	Mayor	
City Clerk		
approved as to form:		