



RESOLUTION NO. 41698

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR DANIELS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BUSHNELL AND SCOTT

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$15,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to supplement the \$30,000
5 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding, to conduct a full
6 Green Blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma neighborhood.

7 WHEREAS Green Blocks is a community outreach-driven tree planting
8 initiative co-managed by Tacoma Tree Foundation and City of Tacoma Urban
9 Forestry, which entails door-to-door outreach along priority planting corridors and
10 working with individual property owners to select, deliver, and plant trees in the
11 public right-of-way adjacent to their properties, at no charge, and

12 WHEREAS the program culminates in a volunteer community tree planting
13 event where volunteers provide planting assistance, with previous Green Blocks
14 programs resulting in hundreds of new trees planted in the Tacoma Mall, McKinley,
15 Lincoln, and Hilltop neighborhoods, and

16 WHEREAS during the \$50,000 participatory budget process for the
17 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster Grant, which received over
18 600 votes, the community voted to fund two projects, with tree planting support
19 being the top project and receiving \$30,000, and

20 WHEREAS staff then reached out to Urban Forestry, Parks Tacoma, the
21 Tacoma Tree Foundation, and the Trust for Public Land to collaborate on a project
22 for South Tacoma, and

23 WHEREAS the \$15,000 of Council Contingency funding will supplement the
24 \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding, with the \$15,000
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1 allowing the program to move forward at full scale, similar in scope and size to
2 previous iterations of Green Blocks in other neighborhoods, and

3 WHEREAS while the booster grant and Council Contingency funding will
4 primarily support the administrative needs for the program, the City's
5 Urban Forestry Program will supplement with fee-in-lieu funds to support the
6 program, including the purchase of trees, soil, mulch, stakes, watering bags, and
7 other supporting materials, and
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9 WHEREAS, at the June 3, 2025, Study Session, Council Member Bushnell
10 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$15,000
11 from the Council Contingency Fund to supplement the \$30,000
12 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding, to conduct a full Green
13 Blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma neighborhood, and
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15 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
16 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and
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18 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
19 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
20 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
21 adopting the budget, and
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23 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
24 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
25 Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the foregoing Recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council’s legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$15,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supplementing the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding, to conduct a full Green Blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma neighborhood.

Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Green Blocks for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney