



RESOLUTION NO. 41216

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR WALKER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BLOCKER AND RUMBAUGH

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$20,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support efforts to mitigate
5 the impact of the City's light rail investment for the Hilltop Street Fair and
6 Stadium Business District events.

7 WHEREAS the Hilltop Business District Association ("HBDA") is working with
8 a diverse group of stakeholders to hold the Hilltop Street Fair ("Street Fair"), a
9 widely anticipated and signature community tradition since 2014, and

10 WHEREAS physical changes to the event's footprint are needed this year
11 to accommodate the anticipated opening of the Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension
12 ("HTLE") of the Sound Transit Tacoma Line, and

13 WHEREAS the HBDA does not currently have the event planning capacity to
14 plan the Street Fair on a disrupted footprint which also minimizing disruptions on
15 Martin Luther King Jr Way ("MLK") from 9th Street to 14th Street, and 10th Street to
16 "L" Street to other adjacent Hilltop locations, and this funding is meant to build that
17 capacity, and

18 WHEREAS the HBDA needs an event planner with specific logistical, safety,
19 and regulatory planning skills to ensure the City's light rail investment does not
20 unintentionally damage the ability of the Street Fair to build and celebrate
21 community, and
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WHEREAS this contingency fund request will also include monies for consultative services to the Stadium Business District for their growing Art and Wine Walk and/or other events that may be impacted by the HTLE rail lines, and

WHEREAS the impact to these events is likely to be less than the Street Fair because Stadium Business District events will be held adjacent to the HTLE rail lines, therefore much of the funding will go toward the HBDA, and

WHEREAS this Contingency request funding will be used to: (1) Advise on event logistics that maximizes community assets, while keeping off MLK and adhere to Sound Transit safety requirements, (2) Develop a traffic control plan approved by the Permit Office for 2023 and future events, (3) Create an event how-to manual (digital and hard copy) with tips on best practices such as timelines, so future event planners can replicate the work, (4) Manage permit process with local government and Sound Transit, (5) Assist in aligning the event with Sound Transit Grand Opening plans where possible, (6) Regular check in with community event leaders and assist in communications with the City and Sound Transit, (7) Load-in and day of event consulting support, and (8) Consultative services to Stadium Business District for Art and Wine Walk/other events, and



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WHEREAS, at the June 6, 2023, Study Session, Council Member Blocker shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support efforts to mitigate the impact of the City’s light rail investment for the Hilltop Street Fair and Stadium Business District events, and

WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services, with terms and deliverables for the City’s contribution, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now, Therefore,

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 efforts to mitigate the impact of the City’s light rail investment for the Hilltop Street Fair and Stadium Business District events.



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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with the Hilltop Business District Association for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney