



**SUBSTITUTE  
RESOLUTION NO. 39882**

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER LEE

2 A RESOLUTION relating to the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of*  
3 *Tacoma*; amending Rule 9, relating to Public Comment/Public Forum;  
4 authorizing the one-time use of an amount up to \$25,000, budgeted from  
5 the City Council Contingency Fund, for the purpose of funding a contract to  
6 assist in evaluating and developing the format for revised Citizens' Forums  
7 and facilitating the Forums and other meetings as necessary; and directing  
8 the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Center for Dialog and  
9 Resolution, outlining the scope of work and deliverables.

10 WHEREAS there are concerns that the current Citizens' Forum process  
11 does not adequately allow residents to engage with their Council members, and

12 WHEREAS the existing process does not adequately address the variety of  
13 concerns across the City, nor does it always address the concerns of diverse  
14 communities, and

15 WHEREAS the City Council desires to retain the services of the Center for  
16 Dialog and Resolution to assist in evaluating and developing the format for the  
17 revised Citizens' Forums, and facilitating said Forums and other meetings as  
18 necessary, and

19 WHEREAS the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to use  
20 one-time funding, in an amount up to \$25,000, budgeted from the City Council  
21 Contingency Funds, for this purpose, and

22 WHEREAS no Citizens' Forum will be held in January 2018 so the contract  
23 with the Center for Dialog and Resolution can be negotiated and put into effect,  
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WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the City 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 the need for the consultant services contract could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial 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 the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* is hereby amended as follows: amending Rule 9, relating to Public Comment/Public Forum, as more specifically set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That one-time funding, in an amount up to \$25,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of funding a contract with the Center for Dialog and Resolution to assist in evaluating and developing the format for the revised Citizens' Forums and facilitating Forums and other meetings as necessary.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby directed to negotiate an agreement with the Center for Dialog and Resolution, outlining the scope of work and deliverables.



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Section 4. That no Citizens' Forum will be held in January 2018 so the contract with the Center for Dialog and Resolution can be negotiated and put into effect.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

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RULE 9 – PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC FORUM

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C. ~~Citizens' Forum--Second Tuesday.~~ Citizens' Forums shall be held monthly at a date and location to be determined by the City Council~~On the second Tuesday of each month, time shall be reserved for citizens' comments.~~ The purpose of this forum is to assist the Council in making policy decisions; therefore, items of discussion shall be limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction. A speaker's remarks shall be limited to up to three minutes per person, per Citizens' Forum. Where necessary, due to the number of persons who want to address the Council, the presiding officer shall retain authority to limit all persons' remarks to an equal period of less than three minutes. To further ensure equal opportunity for the public to comment, each person may address the Council only one time during the Citizens' Forum portion of any meeting. Comment shall not be made in support of or opposition to any matter on the Council Agenda for which the time for public comment has passed.

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