



RESOLUTION NO. 40200

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS McCARTHY
2 AND THOMS

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of City Council Contingency Funds,
4 in an amount of up to \$5,000, for expenses related to the Pierce County
5 Opioid Summit 2019.

6 WHEREAS, in 2017, Pierce County declared a “State of Opioid Crisis,”
7 which paralleled a Presidential declaration, and sent a letter to Governor
8 Jay Inslee, urging him to declare Pierce County in a state of emergency, and

9 WHEREAS the City filed a lawsuit against three opioid manufacturers in
10 2017, with Pierce County following suit in early 2018, and

11 WHEREAS, also in 2017, Pierce County Council Member Young and
12 Tacoma City Council Member McCarthy convened representatives from multiple
13 sectors to form the Tacoma-Pierce County Opioid Task Force (“Task Force”), and

14 WHEREAS, in February 2018, the Task Force convened a community
15 summit on the opioid epidemic to receive input for an action plan, with more than
16 150 leaders from cities, healthcare, social services, fire, public health, law
17 enforcement, and criminal justice joining in the discussion, and

18 WHEREAS members of Pierce County’s Congressional Delegation were
19 also in attendance, and

20 WHEREAS Task Force leaders used this information to formulate an action
21 plan, focusing on wellness and the full spectrum of prevention in its three domains:
22 (1) prevention/education; (2) access to treatment; and (3) ensuring “the right
23 services at the right time,” and
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WHEREAS Task Force leaders recruited volunteers to serve on committees under each of these domains to refine goals and work plans, and the committees are currently executing their work plans, and

WHEREAS the Task Force will reconvene a broad group of community leaders to report on its work and outcomes at the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019, and

WHEREAS the summit will be critical for defining the purpose and scope of the Task Force's continued work in 2019 and beyond, and

WHEREAS, at the December 11, 2018, Study Session, a Council Consideration Request was shared to use up to \$5,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for expenses related to the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019 event, and

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 funding related to the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019 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,



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

That one-time funding in an amount of up to \$5,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for expenses related to the Pierce County Opioid Summit 2019.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney