



RESOLUTION NO. 40530

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER THOMS

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds, in the amount of \$1,500,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the Stadium
4 Historic Business District Association's 15th Annual Dickens Festival in the
5 Stadium Business District on December 14, 2019.

6 WHEREAS in 2004, Mario and Frances Lorenz created the idea for the
7 Dickens Festival ("Festival") in the Stadium Business District ("Stadium District")
8 after working with the Dickens on the Strand Festival in Galveston, Texas, which
9 uses the festival to call attention to their historic neighborhood, and

10 WHEREAS 2019 will be the Stadium District's 15th year of organizing the
11 Festival, which has been sustained for years by business and community
12 sponsorships; however, due to the economic hardships of ongoing construction in
13 the Stadium District, there has been a decrease in sponsorships, and the Festival is
14 seeking alternative funding methods to maintain the level of service expected from
15 the event, and

16 WHEREAS attendance for the Festival ranges from 500 to 3,000, depending
17 on the weather, and funds raised for the Festival contribute towards audio/visual
18 equipment, staging, entertainment, roving Dickens' characters, horse and carriage
19 rides, promotion, signage, and other marketing for the event, and

20 WHEREAS organizers of the Festival committed to requesting contingency
21 funds to cover this event only during the LINK Light Rail construction that is
22 impacting local businesses, and

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1 WHEREAS, at the November 19, 2019, Study Session, Council
2 Member Thoms shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time
3 use of \$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for the Festival, but the
4 requested amount has been reduced, and Sound Transit will be matching the City's
5 contribution of \$1,500 for this event, and
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7 WHEREAS the Festival promotes sponsorships from many businesses and
8 organizations, and sponsors are advertised through the Festival website, through a
9 Festival program, and on social media, and
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11 WHEREAS Stadium District businesses also support the Festival through
12 their participation in Open Houses and various contests, and

13 WHEREAS City staff will confirm deliverables for the City's contribution, and

14 WHEREAS RCW 35.33.145 and 35.34.250 authorize a withdrawal from the
15 Council Contingency Fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
16 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
17 adopting the budget, and
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19 WHEREAS the need for support of the Stadium Historic Business District
20 Association's 15th Annual Dickens Festival could not have been foreseen or
21 reasonably evaluated at the time the City adopted its biennial 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 one-time funding in the amount of \$1,500, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Stadium Historic Business District Association’s 15th Annual Dickens Festival in the Stadium District on December 14, 2019.

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

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney