



## RESOLUTION NO. 41532

1 A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of agreements with the Metropolitan  
2 Park District of Tacoma, in the amount of \$870,000, budgeted from the  
3 Public Safety Fund, to purchase 2.27 acres to facilitate the future  
4 construction of a new Fire Station 7, to enhance emergency response  
5 capabilities.

6 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma Fire Department (“TFD”) is requesting the  
7 execution of agreements with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma (“Metro  
8 Parks Tacoma”) to purchase 2.27 acres to facilitate the future construction of a  
9 new Fire Station 7 to enhance emergency response capabilities, and

10 WHEREAS, as the community of Tacoma grows and changes, the  
11 operations of TFD need to grow and change to ensure the department continues to  
12 meet the needs of the community, and

13 WHEREAS the current Fire Station 7 was constructed in 1959 and is  
14 collocated with the South Tacoma Library Branch at 5448 South Warner Street,  
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16 WHEREAS the station is staffed with a single engine company that  
17 responds to over 3,500 emergencies annually, which far exceeds the  
18 department’s target and national standard of 2,500 calls annually, and

19 WHEREAS, there is a need for an additional response unit to this area;  
20 however, the station is undersized, and the existing property lacks the capacity  
21 for the needed expansion to accommodate additional emergency vehicles,  
22 equipment, and staff, and  
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WHEREAS, as part of the Fire Facilities Master Plan (2024), it is recommended that the existing station be relocated, and a new station be constructed, and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma, the City has been evaluating undeveloped Metro Parks Tacoma owned property located to the west of the South End Recreation Area ("SERA"), near South 60th and South Tyler Streets, to site a new station, and

WHEREAS the proposed site is currently undeveloped, has been significantly impacted by prior site grading and disturbance, and due to its isolation from other active areas of the park, has historically been the subject of misuse and dumping, and

WHEREAS this location has been identified as a favorable location for a new fire station and this vacant corner of the SERA campus would strategically place TFD in a better location to respond more effectively to the growing South Tacoma community, while also collocating these vital emergency resources on the SERA campus which is a designated disaster/crisis response site, and

WHEREAS there have been several opportunities for the community to engage on the proposal to relocate Fire Station 7, and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024, the first reading of the surplus and sale was presented to the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Board of Park Commissioners ("Park Board"), and



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WHEREAS at the August 26, 2024 Park Board meeting, community comments were received and the second reading of the surplus and sale was presented and unanimously approved by the Park Board; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the request of the City of Tacoma Fire Department to purchase the real property located near South 60th and South Tyler Streets, from the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, for the amount of \$870,000, plus closing costs, budgeted from the Public Safety Fund, for the future construction of a new Fire Station 7, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to close on the purchase of the property for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, as memorialized in that certain Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney