



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Patricia Beard, Business Development Manager, Community & Economic Development Department  
Jeff Robinson, Director, Community & Economic Development Department  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Resolution confirming the dissolution of the Foss Waterway Development Authority on December 31, 2020 and the transfer of all FWDA assets and obligations including real property and contracts to the City of Tacoma  
**DATE:** October 19, 2021

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution confirming the dissolution of the Foss Waterway Development Authority (“FWDA”) on December 31, 2020, providing documentation for those outside entities and organizations requiring such confirmation for ongoing City of Tacoma activities and actions necessary to the Foss Waterway management.

**BACKGROUND:**

The FWDA’s final operating agreement expired on December 31, 2020. Based on a Transition Agreement executed between the FWDA Board and City Manager, all properties, leases, operating obligations and assets of the FWDA were transferred to the City by said date. In continuing to manage activities of the waterway, such as property leases and sales, agreements with the Department of Natural Resources and banking accounts, as well as other routine obligations, some outside agencies and entities have requested additional confirmation of the City’s authority and ownership in addition to the Operating Agreement expiration and Transition Agreement. This Resolution provides the official confirmation requested by outside agencies and entities.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

This resolution does not prescribe any additional activity for the City but merely confirms actions already taken.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: N/A**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

This resolution is a confirmation action and does not include any new activities by the City.

**Strategic Priorities: N/A**

This resolution does not provide additional activities related to City Council Strategic Priorities but confirms activities already undertaken.



Economy/Workforce: N/A

Education: N/A

Livability: N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Decline to adopt the resolution	None	Inability to efficiently and effectively manage the Foss Waterway
2.		
3.		

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

N/A

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action. N/A

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.			
2.			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

What Funding is being used to support the expense? N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES

Please enter Explanation.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

Please enter Explanation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

List attachments using bullet points.