



## RESOLUTION NO. 41568

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL,  
2 RUMBAUGH, AND SADALGE

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$30,000,  
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the transition of  
5 Tacoma's senior services from Lighthouse and Beacon Activity Centers to  
6 Metro Parks Tacoma facilities.

7 WHEREAS according to the 2023 American Community Survey 1-year  
8 estimates, 14.7 percent of City residents are age 65 and older, and

9 WHEREAS in 2019, the City adopted an age-friendly city action plan that  
10 acknowledged the 8 Domains of Livability framework used by many of the towns,  
11 cities, counties, and states enrolled in the American Association of Retired Persons  
12 Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, which included community  
13 health services, communication and information, outdoor spaces and buildings,  
14 housing, transportation, social participation, respect and social inclusion, and work  
15 and civil engagement, and

16 WHEREAS the City is working on a partnership agreement with  
17 Metro Parks Tacoma ("Metro Parks") to expand and enhance services for seniors  
18 aged 50 and older, and

19 WHEREAS this collaboration aims to leverage the resources and expertise  
20 of both organizations to provide a wider range of programs, activities, and  
21 resources for the City's growing senior population, while addressing the City's  
22 evolving needs as a whole, and

23 WHEREAS Metro Parks brings a wealth of experience in senior services,  
24 offering a wider variety of programs and activities that cater to diverse interests and  
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1 needs, which allows the City's seniors more choices and opportunities to stay  
2 active, engaged, and connected, and

3           WHEREAS by lowering the eligible age from 60 to 50, Metro Parks extends  
4 its services to a broader segment of the population, ensuring that more individuals  
5 can benefit from the support and resources they provide, and  
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7           WHEREAS the City remains committed to providing transportation, and with  
8 four more conveniently located community centers, Metro Parks offers greater  
9 accessibility for seniors, including those who prefer to utilize public transportation,  
10 which ensures that more seniors can participate in programs and activities without  
11 facing transportation barriers, and  
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13           WHEREAS this proposed transition exemplifies the City's commitment to  
14 forging strategic partnerships that maximize resources and expertise, and by  
15 collaborating with Metro Parks, the City can ensure the delivery of high-quality  
16 senior services while utilizing resources to address other critical needs, such as  
17 homelessness, public safety, and affordable housing, and  
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19           WHEREAS the City values its seniors and this proposed transition is not  
20 about abandoning our senior population, but rather about embracing a new and  
21 improved approach to senior services, and  
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23           WHEREAS by partnering with Metro Parks, the City has chosen to invest in  
24 the well-being of its seniors, ensuring they have access to the resources and  
25 support they need to thrive in our vibrant community, and  
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WHEREAS the Lighthouse and Beacon Senior Centers are anticipated to end senior services at the end of 2024, and contracted Metro Parks services has an anticipated start date of January 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS in recognition of feedback from senior community members about the transition timeline, this contingency fund request will extend services for Lighthouse Senior Center for an additional 30-days, and during this transition, programming will have already transitioned to Metro Parks facilities and will not be offered at Lighthouse, but the space would be open for use during normal hours for puzzling, cards, socializing, et cetera, and lunch service would continue, and

WHEREAS Neighborhood and Community Services will have staff on-site for 30-days to support the extended transition, which will likely entail being present at Lighthouse from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day in January to help seniors select a new location to attend, and talk through various program offerings, and staff will also use this time to make phone calls to any seniors that have not included a preferred location or registered with Metro Parks, and

WHEREAS this extension builds on existing outreach work to our senior center participants, and in the month of December, City staff is planning to attend the Metro Parks tabling sessions and provide information on various offerings, how to register, transportation, and sign up participants to tour Metro Parks facilities, and

WHEREAS, at the November 19, 2024, Study Session, Council Member Sadalge shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the



1 one-time use of \$30,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the  
2 transition of Tacoma's Senior Center services from Lighthouse and Beacon Senior  
3 Centers to Metro Parks facilities, and

4           WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,  
5 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and

6           WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the  
7 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of  
8 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of  
9 adopting the budget, and

10           WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less  
11 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,  
12 Therefore,

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

14           Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$30,000, budgeted from  
15 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting  
16 the transition of Tacoma's Senior Center services from Lighthouse and Beacon  
17 Senior Centers to Metro Parks Tacoma ("Metro Parks") facilities.

18           Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to  
19 confirm deliverables with Metro Parks for the purposes hereinabove enumerated,  
20 and document as appropriate.

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Section 3. That the City Manager will provide a report to the City Council after the 30-day extension is complete, describing staff's efforts to outreach to senior participants and comment them to the new Metro Parks programs.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney