TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, City Manager's Office
COPY: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Use of up to $5,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for the Placement of a Plaque on the 11th Street Murray Morgan Bridge Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 West Coast Longshore Strike in Tacoma– August 23, 2016
DATE: August 16, 2016

SUMMARY:
Resolution authorizing the use of up to $5,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for the placement of a plaque on the 11th Street Murray Morgan Bridge commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 West Coast Longshore Strike in Tacoma and dedicated to the six workers who lost their lives, including two local longshoremen.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:
Council Members: McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:
This City Council action best aligns with the following strategic policy priority:
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

BACKGROUND:
At the August 16, 2016 Study Session, Council Member McCarthy shared a request to authorize up to $5,000 for placement of a plaque on the 11th Street Murray Morgan Bridge which commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 West Coast Longshore Strike in Tacoma and is dedicated to the two local workers who gave up their lives in the fight for fair working conditions and coast-wide unity.

On June 1, 1916 every Longshore Local from Bellingham to San Diego "hung the hook" until they received a coast-wide contract. Altogether 12,500 men including 1,100 Tacomans, participated in the strike. The 11th Street Bridge was the main conduit between downtown Tacoma and the Port, and daily confrontations took place on or near the bridge. The employers brought in strikebreakers to load and unload ships, and the longshoremen built a barricade of hay bales at the west end of the bridge to stop cargo coming in or going out. During the strike, six workers lost their lives, including local longshoremen James Costello, who was stabbed and killed by strikebreakers, and Alexander "Scotty" Laidlaw, who was mortally wounded by a special deputy. Fights occurred in all 29 West Coast Ports. For 197 days the longshoremen supported by the entire Tacoma labor movement, defended the 11th Street Bridge from strikebreakers and authorities. They were the only West Coast Local that never surrendered. Working people along the West Coast remember the events that occurred in 1916 on the 11th Street Bridge and the sacrifice made by the local longshoremen, which made great progress towards securing fair working conditions.

ISSUE:
In order to authorize use of the City Council's Contingency Funds for this purpose, a resolution must be adopted.

ALTERNATIVES:
The City Council could choose to adopt or reject the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:
Council Members: McCarthy, Thoms and Woodards recommend adoption of the resolution to recognize the significance of the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 West Coast Longshore Strike in Tacoma and those who gave up their lives in the fight for fair working conditions and coast-wide unity.

FISCAL IMPACT:
If approved, this resolution would authorize the use of up to $5,000 for the City Council's Contingency Funding, which is available in the 2015-2016 biennial budget.

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1030 City Council Contingency Funds	660000	5310100	$5,000.00
TOTAL			**$5,000.00**

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT:

POSITION TITLE	PERMANENT/ PROJECT TEMPORARY POSITION	FTE IMPACT	POSITION END DATE
TOTAL			

This section should only be completed if a subsequent request will be made to increase or decrease the current position count.

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: up to $5,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.
N/A

Revised: 08/03/2016