



RESOLUTION NO. 39217

1 A RESOLUTION relating to public safety and human services; authorizing the
2 execution a two-year agreement with the Nisqually Indian Tribe for jail and
3 prisoner transportation services for the City of Tacoma.

4 WHEREAS the City currently holds an agreement with Pierce County for
5 booking and incarceration needs, which is set to expire on December 31, 2015,
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7 WHEREAS, in March 2015, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office suspended
8 services to the City based upon staffing shortages, and

9 WHEREAS the City also received notice from the City of Fife on March 2,
10 2015, terminating the Jail Services Agreement Between the City of Fife and City
11 of Tacoma effective May 30, 2015, and

12 WHEREAS, in late February, the City began working with Pierce County
13 on a long-term agreement to supersede and replace the current agreement
14 between the parties, as it became clear that an agreement for a long-term
15 agreement with the City of Fife was unlikely, and

16 WHEREAS the new proposed five-year jail services agreement with Pierce
17 County provides that by October 1, 2015, the Pierce County Jail will be able to
18 house up to 75 pre-sentence inmates daily, and

19 WHEREAS the proposed Pierce County agreement will not provide inmate
20 bed capacity for post-sentence inmates; accordingly, the City has an ongoing need
21 to house post-sentence inmates, and

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WHEREAS the City has been working on an agreement with the Nisqually Indian Tribe to provide inmate bed capacity and inmate transportation services on a long-term and cost-effective basis, and

WHEREAS the proposed agreement provides that the City will pay the Nisqually Indian Tribe \$67.50 per inmate, per day, for housing, transport to the Tacoma Municipal Court, coordination of hearings, appearances, release dates, and other administrative functions, and

WHEREAS the daily inmate bed rate represents an 18.5 percent decrease from the rate charged by the City of Fife, and

WHEREAS the proposed agreement with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, in conjunction with proposed agreements with the South Correctional Entity ("SCORE") and Pierce County, will address the immediate need to replace the jail and related services no longer being provided by the City of Fife, and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting held on June 10, 2015, the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee considered the proposed agreement with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, together with the proposed Pierce County Jail Services Agreement and SCORE Agreement, and recommended all three agreements for consideration by the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a two-year agreement with the Nisqually Indian Tribe to provide jail and prisoner



transportation services for the City, said document to be substantially in the form
1 of the proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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7 Mayor

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10 City Clerk

11 Approved as to form:

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13 Deputy City Attorney
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