



RESOLUTION NO. 40017

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION relating to the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of*
3 *Tacoma*; amending Rule 9, relating to Public Comment/Public Forum, by
4 amending Section C, "Citizens' Forum," to reinstate Citizens' Forum on the
5 second Tuesday of every month.

6 WHEREAS, at the November 28, 2017, Study Session, former Council
7 Member Walker Lee shared a Council Consideration Request to consider changes
8 to the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* related to Citizens'
9 Forum, and

10 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2017, the City Council approved Resolution
11 No. 39882, to amend the Rules of Procedure by suspending Citizens' Forum on the
12 second Tuesday of each month to allow for a Citizens' Forum Pilot Program, and

13 WHEREAS the amendment stated that "Citizens' Forums shall be held
14 monthly at a date and location to be determined by the City Council," and

15 WHEREAS, through the same resolution, the City Council authorized the use
16 of \$25,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for a professional services agreement
17 with the Center for Dialog and Resolution to consult, facilitate, and develop new
18 methodologies for Citizens' Forum, and further, to develop an online survey and
19 explore creative engagement options, and

20 WHEREAS, in February, March, April, and May of 2018, the consultant
21 facilitated Citizens' Forums, conducted community focus groups and an online
22 survey to receive input and recommendations from residents, and the consultant

23
24
25
26



will share recommendations and explore with the City Council and staff how best to incorporate them, and

WHEREAS this will include communication strategies and conflict dynamics, as well as new methodologies, and

WHEREAS the consultant will present a final draft to the City Council and community by June 30, 2018, and

WHEREAS Mayor Woodards desires to reinstate Citizens' Forum on the second Tuesday of each month to ensure consistency in providing opportunities for residents to share their views to assist the City Council in making policy decisions;

Now, Therefore,

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

That the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* is hereby amended as follows: Rule 9, Section C, Citizens' Forum, is hereby amended to reinstate Citizens' Forum on the second Tuesday of each month, as more specifically set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

RULE 9 – PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC FORUM

* * *

C. Citizens' Forum – Second Tuesday. Citizens' Forums shall be held monthly at a date and location to be determined by the City Council. On the second Tuesday of each month, time shall be reserved for citizens' comments. The purpose of this forum is to assist the Council in making policy decisions; therefore, items of discussion shall be limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction. A speaker's remarks shall be limited to up to three minutes per person, per Citizens' Forum. Where necessary, due to the number of persons who want to address the Council, the presiding officer shall retain authority to limit all persons' remarks to an equal period of less than three minutes. To further ensure equal opportunity for the public to comment, each person may address the Council only one time during the Citizens' Forum portion of any meeting. Comment shall not be made in support of or opposition to any matter on the Council Agenda for which the time for public comment has passed.

* * *