



RESOLUTION NO. 41555

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR HINES AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 RUMBAUGH AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds; in the amount of \$20,000,
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund to support an urban wood
5 reuse program assessment and action strategy.

6 WHEREAS in early 2023, the City began a small pilot program that enabled
7 the diversion of waste from hazardous trees within historically underserved
8 communities by creating a partnership between the City's on-call tree work
9 contractor and a hyper-local mill to process the wood, and

10 WHEREAS this program has shown a great deal of promise, but expansion
11 requires a more robust understanding of the wood waste stream and biomass
12 processing solutions, and expanding this work would help advance key components
13 of the City's Climate Action Plan and Urban Forest Management Plan, and

14 WHEREAS establishing a wood reuse program is in alignment with the
15 Climate Action Plan, which notes the need to develop and enhance the City's local
16 circular economy, foster the reuse of materials, reduce carbon emissions, and
17 increase deconstruction and salvage efforts, and

18 WHEREAS the Urban Forest Management Plan, adopted by the City Council
19 in 2019, also includes several targets and actions related to urban wood reuse,
20 such as: establishing protocols for tree debris management, wood utilization, and
21 wood waste diversion for routine tree maintenance, removals, and storm response,
22 as well as reusing wood waste from high-risk tree removals as biomass,
23 woodworking, firewood, and other uses, and
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1 WHEREAS the specific objectives of the study would include work to
2 evaluate the wood waste stream, engage with key stakeholders, develop an
3 ecosystem map, conduct a complete economic and market analysis of biomass
4 processing solutions, and create a proposed collective action strategy, which will
5 take an estimated 18 weeks from the official program start date to be completed,
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8 WHEREAS with a better understanding of how to expand this work, the City
9 will be well-positioned to navigate tree removal in a way that ensures removed trees
10 are kept out of our waste stream and put to their highest and best use, and
11 supporting the development of an urban wood reuse program assessment and
12 action strategy will help enable the City's Urban Forestry Team to set up the first
13 formal urban wood reuse program within the City, and
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15 WHEREAS the City's Solid Waste Management Division intends to match
16 the Council Contingency Fund with an additional \$20,000 to cover the full cost of
17 the work, as it aligns with their goals for waste reduction, and
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19 WHEREAS, at the October 29, 2024, Study Session, Deputy Mayor Hines,
20 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$20,000
21 from the Council Contingency Fund to support an urban wood reuse program
22 assessment and action strategy, and
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24 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
25 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and
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WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of adopting the budget, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund, and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy is a fundamental governmental purpose within the City's authority to provide for public health safety and welfare, and furthers the goals in the City's comprehensive plan which is sufficient consideration to the public to justify the City's investment; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council's legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$20,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting an urban wood reuse program assessment and action strategy.



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Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with Cambium Carbon for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney