RESOLUTION NO. 41419

A RESOLUTION related to Tacoma Venues and Events; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce in the amount of $3,000,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Cheney Stadium Fund, for capital repairs and improvements to Cheney Stadium, from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS under its 2009 Cheney Stadium Lease ("Lease") with the Baseball Club of Tacoma, LLC, d.b.a. Tacoma Rainiers, the City is contractually obligated to fund capital improvements including infrastructure upgrades required by Major League Baseball ("MLB") to maintain league eligibility, and

WHEREAS in 2023-2024 the Tacoma Rainiers undertook emergency capital repairs to the Cheney Stadium seating bowl to ensure public safety and continued operating of the facility as well as updating the visiting team locker room as mandated by MLB to maintain league eligibility, with both projects undertaken simultaneously in 2023-2024, and

WHEREAS both projects were within the City's area of responsibility under the Lease, and in collaboration with the Tacoma Rainiers, and the City secured a $3,000,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce through its Public Facility Improvement Fund to reimburse approximately two-thirds of the cost of the necessary capital improvements; Now, Therefore,

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

That the Council of the City of Tacoma hereby authorizes the execution of a grant agreement with the Department of Commerce in the amount of $3,000,000, and accepting and depositing said sum into the Cheney Stadium Fund, for capital

repairs and improvements to Cheney Stadium undertaken from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

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