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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Setting Public Hearing – April 2, 2019  
Street Vacation 124.1395 – University of Puget Sound  
**DATE:** March 12, 2019

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**SUMMARY:**

A resolution setting Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., as the date and time for a hearing before the Hearing Examiner on the University of Puget Sound’s request to vacate the street right-of-way lying between North 15<sup>th</sup> and North 16<sup>th</sup> Streets, adjacent to North Lawrence Street, for the westerly extension of an alley to facilitate development of a new Welcome Center for the university.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.

The University of Puget Sound plans to use and improve the right-of-way for a new Welcome Center development on its campus and the vacated property will be incorporated into the grounds adjacent to the new Welcome Center building.

**BACKGROUND:**

The street right-of-way was conveyed to the City of Tacoma by a Warranty Deed made by the College of Puget Sound, dated May 7, 1926, and recorded as Fee No. 819389 in the Office of the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, on September 9, 1926.

**ISSUE:**

Pursuant to RCW 35.79 and Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 9.22, the Public Works Department is requesting the City Council set a date to consider this request for this street vacation to be heard by the Hearing Examiner and report the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation to the City Council for their consideration.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could decide not to approve the resolution setting the hearing date; however, such an action would reduce the feasibility of the proposed project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approval of this request to set the Hearing Examiner’s public hearing date for Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action only sets the date of the hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The City will receive market value compensation for the vacated right-of-way. The proceeds will be deposited in accordance with TMC 9.22.