WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 2025

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. **The Mayor and City Council will be holding a special meeting Friday, August 8, 2025, 9:30 a.m**. This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: www.zoom.us/j/89496171192 and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma, discussion items will include:

    - A Resolution calling for a special election on November 4, 2025, providing for transmittal to the Pierce County Auditor as ex officio supervisor of elections of Initiative Measure No. 2 for placement on the November 4, 2025, special election ballot, and directing the City Clerk to transmit to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of the resolution.

    - Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.

2. Council Member Sadalge provides the attached Council Action Memorandum for a Resolution of a one-time Council Contingency Funding request of $15,000 for the **"Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" documentary. Please note, this item will be on the August 19, 2025, Council Agenda.**

3. Tacoma Interim Police Chief Jackson provides the attached **Weekly Crime Report**.

4. Summer Late Nights: **Summer Late Nights began on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 10 locations across Tacoma. Programming will run through Friday, August 29, 2025**. The ten-week drop-in program offers safe spaces for middle and high school students to hang out and receive dinner every weeknight. Local providers are contracted by the Tacoma Parks Foundation to offer a variety of engaging activities each week including open gym, art, and music activities. Over 1,500 young people from Tacoma are expected to participate with over 15,000 drop-in visits anticipated. For more information and locations, please visit: https://www.parkstacoma.gov/summer-late-nights/.

5. **City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance**: The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing. This information can be found at: https://cms.tacoma.gov/ncs/weeklydataupdate.pdf and is updated weekly.

    - Pierce County Human Services also uses the Homeless Management Information System to report daily availability throughout Pierce County. This information can be found at: https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8220/Homeless-Emergency-Shelter-Availability and shows the available beds open at shelters and is updated Monday-Friday by 10:00 a.m.

6. **Encampment Outreach:** For the week of **July 28 – August 1, 2025**, the HEAL team visited **15 locations**. This resulted in **34 (12 new, and 22 repeat)** individuals contacted and referred to community services; **6 individuals** were placed in shelter. This information can be found at: HEAL Team Engagement Dashboard | Tacoma Open Data.

7. **Washington State Encampment Response Program:** Washington State Commerce provided approval for outreach at an encampment on **Wiley Ave (near McKinley Park***)* as part of their *Encampment Response Program* that addresses right of ways throughout Washington. Through HEAL's active partnership with Comprehensive Life Resources and the State's program, **between July 28, 2025, and August 1, 2025, resulted in 12 individuals being placed into shelter.**

8. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule**.

9. City Manager's Office Constituent Relations Analyst Karyssa Mathison provides the attached **Constituent Intake Report**.

10. New Public Litter Cans**: Tidy Up Tacoma is going to purchase an additional 75 public litter cans to expand the public litter can program in response to a higher-than-anticipated rate of can damage and replacement**, along with growing public demand for new installations. The can locations will be prioritized for historically underserved areas based on the equity index, 3-1-1 data, neighborhood business district requests, and staff inspections. Appropriation adjustments will be brought forward as part of the mid-biennium modification process and evaluation of further public litter can expansion will be incorporated into the 2027-2028 biennial budget development.

11. During the past year, a cross-departmental team from Environmental Services, Neighborhood and Community Services and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department helped to develop a pilot program to provide personal mobile toilet supply kits and disposal services to help unhoused individuals living in Tacoma to manage human waste. **Kits were distributed and tested by approximately 35 individuals throughout the late summer (July - September 2024) and early spring (February - April 2025.) Kit users provided positive feedback and suggested expansion of the program through community partners to distribute more kits**. The mobile toilet kits will also provide an opportunity to address needs of additional residents living on the streets in response to temporary shelter closures in June 2025.

12. Amy Clancy, Director of Media and Communications shares the "**Good News"** below. You can find this good news and more on the City of Tacoma's social platforms.

    - The Tacoma Police Department is now accepting applications for the next Community Police Academy class series! Participants get a behind-the-scenes, in-depth look at how Tacoma's police officers do their jobs and how the department works. Applications are due August 15, 2025. Learn more at tacoma.gov/communitypoliceacademy.

    - Our roads are about to get a fresh new look! The City of Tacoma's Public Works Engineering Division will begin work to refresh lane striping on key roads and intersections across the city this week. Road closures are not expected, and work is expected to take place at night through September 2025.

    - The City of Tacoma is partnering with the **Tacoma Tree Foundation** to bring more trees to the South End. Apply by August 18, 2025, to receive free trees for your right-of-way. You'll receive your tree in early October. See the project area and sign up at **https://tacomatreefoundation.org/gb-southend**.

    - YOUR STREETS INITIATIVE TAX DOLLARS AT WORK Big improvements are on the way for South Tacoma! Current work on South Sheridan Avenue from South 64th Steet to South 72nd Street will make it safer and easier for residents to connect to Wapato Park, nearby neighborhoods, and key arterials! The South Sheridan Avenue – Phase 1 project will: add a shared-use path near Wapato Park, build new sidewalks, curbs, and gutters on the east side of South Sheridan Avenue, upgrade water, stormwater, power & gas utilities, narrow lanes for traffic calming and safety, and create a safer route for people walking, biking, and rolling. This work is 100% funded by Tacoma Streets Initiative I ($3.89M), Washington State Transportation Improvement Board ($3.56M), and City of Tacoma Real Estate Excise Tax ($400K). Project completion is expected in Summer 2026. Check out completed, active, and planned projects at TacomaStreetsInitiative.org.

    - INTERN SOCIAL MEDIA TAKEOVER! Hi, I'm Alexa Rivero, an intern at the City of Tacoma with the Jobs 253 program! Today is National Intern Day, so I wanted to share what I've done and learned so far.

        - For my first day, I got to interview Mayor Woodards and #TacCouncil Members John Hines and Joe Bushnell. I asked the Mayor questions about launching the first Mayors Youth Commission and expanding Student Government Day. We also talked about her experiences leading #tacoma and some of the biggest struggles in bringing big projects to life. I asked Council Members about upcoming resolutions they are supporting and how they balance budget with limited resources.

        - For my second day, I went in depth with the Media and Communications Office and got to see how they manage everything, including websites, social media pages, and how priorities are created.

- I am also observing Study Sessions and Council Meetings to see how those are run! Something I learned that I didn't know before is how hard everyone works, changing my perspective on how local government functions. It's been good to see things from different perspectives and how much everybody is working for Tacoma.

- Alexa is a recent Tacoma Public Schools graduate from Stadium High School and will be attending Tacoma Community College this fall to study Political Science. We're super proud of her!

- Keep your eyes out for three new fire engines in Tacoma! **Tacoma Fire Department** recently put three new engines into operation. These engines, ordered in 2022, were eagerly welcomed to the fleet with a very cool tradition called a Push-In Ceremony.

STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION

13. **The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, August 12, 2025, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.** This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: www.zoom.us/j/89496171192 and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma.

    City Council Study Session discussion items will include; (1) **South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update Public Hearing Preparation**; (2) **Tideflats Subarea – Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and Recommendations**; (3) **Other Items of Interest: Council Consideration Request: Emerging Leaders**; (4) **Committee Reports**; (5) **Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report;** (6) **Executive Session – Pending Litigation.**

    On our first agenda item, **staff will present the Planning Commission's recommendation on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) code update to City Council in preparation for a public hearing scheduled for the August 12, 2025, City Council Meeting**. The Planning Commission completed its review on June 18, 2025, following a public process that included a hearing held on May 21, 2025. In accordance with Tacoma Municipal Code 13.05, a City Council public hearing is required prior to adopting any amendments to the Land Use Regulatory Code. The Planning Commission's Findings and Recommendation are available at www.tacoma.gov/stgpd. For more information, contact Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, at mmoeinian@tacoma.gov.

    On our second agenda item, **Planning and Development Services and Tacoma Public Health Department (TPCHD) staff will present an overview of the Planning Commission's review and recommendations pertaining to the Tideflats Subarea Plan and related implementing amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan**, Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Title 13 Land Use Regulatory Code, TMC Title 19 Shoreline Master Program, and the Draft Planned Action Ordinance. This presentation is in preparation for a resolution during the City Council meeting on September 9, 2025, to set October 28, 2025, as a public hearing on the Subarea Plan and related amendments to the TMC.

The Planning Commission's Findings and Recommendations are available on the project webpage: tacoma.gov/tideflats. The TPCHD Impact Assessment can be found at: https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Tideflats-HIA-Report-August-2025.pdf. For more information on the Tideflats Subarea Plan, please contact Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner: satkinson@tacoma.gov.

Under other items of interest, the following item will be discussed:

- **Council Consideration Request** – A proposed Ordinance to align all Committee, Board and Youth Commission Seats into an "Emerging Leader Seat". [Council Member Rumbaugh]

14. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

15. You are invited to the below events.

- **Calling all sponsors and vendors: Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Eastside Community Center**. The Tacoma Police Department's School Ready on Day 1 Kids Health & Safety Fair is back, and we need the community's help to make it bigger and better than ever! For more information, please contact Bervin Smith at: bsmith7@tacoma.gov or (253) 290 – 9238.

- **The Tacoma Police Department, in partnership with the Bikes for Kids team of volunteers at Marine View Presbyterian Church are working together again this year to collect bicycles for children**. The bicycles will be given away to children at the Tacoma Police Department's Kids Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, August 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Eastside Community Center, located at 1721 East 56th Street. Bikes for Kids is a nonprofit, community service organization in Tacoma, Washington that distributes bicycles throughout the Puget Sound area and internationally as well. Now operating for over 20 years, Bikes for Kids continues to grow and has distributed over 15,000 bicycles. **The Bikes for Kids team collects, refurbishes, and distributes used bicycles to children and adults waiting for a bike. For more information, please contact Bervin Smith at: bsmith7@tacoma.gov or (253) 290 – 9238**.

Sincerely,

Hyun Kim
Interim City Manager

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City of Tacoma **City Council Action Memorandum**

TO: **Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager**
FROM: **Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney**
COPY: **City Council**
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Transmitting Initiative Measure No. 2 to the Pierce County Auditor – August 8, 2025 Special Meeting**
DATE: **August 5, 2025**

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution calling for a special election on November 4, 2025, providing for transmittal to the Pierce County Auditor as *ex officio* supervisor of elections of Initiative Measure No. 2 for placement on the November 4, 2025, special election ballot, and directing the City Clerk to transmit to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

BACKGROUND:

Initiative Measures Nos. 2 and 3, relating to protections for certain employees, were filed by the petitioners with the City Clerk on February 4, 2025. After submittal, the petitions were approved by the City Attorney as to form and style, and the City Attorney prepared and approved ballot titles and transmitted notice to the petitioners that the ten-day appeal period commenced.

On June 24, 2025, the petitioners filed with the City Clerk their petition for Initiative Measure No. 2 with signatures for verification by the Pierce County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections. The City Clerk forwarded the signatures to the Pierce County Auditor on June 26, 2025, and on July 9, 2025, the Auditor provided notice to the City Clerk that sufficient signatures had been verified. On July 10, 2025, in accordance with Section 2.19 (i) and (j) of the City Charter, the City Clerk validated that the signatures met the requirements under the City Charter.

Once the City Clerk has validated an initiative petition, the City Council may enact or reject the initiative, and that if the City Council rejects the initiative or fails to take action within 30 days following validation, the City Council shall submit the proposal without any amendments to the people at the next municipal or general election that is not less than ninety days after the date of validation of the petition. The City Charter also provides that the City Council may by its own motion submit any proposed ordinance to the voters for approval or rejection, which ordinance may, when dealing with the same subject matter as a voter initiative, be proposed as an alternative to the initiative petition.

In the exercise of its power and authority and in adherence to its duties as a legislative body, the City Council heard presentations regarding the initiative process and the scope, content and impacts of Initiative Measure No. 2, during its July 15, July 29, and August 5, 2025, City Council study sessions and also heard unsolicited comments from members of the public regarding the benefits and impacts of Initiative Measure No. 2 during community forum at the July 22, 2025, City Council meeting and in written comments filed with the City Clerk.

The 30-day period granted to the City Council under the City Charter to consider whether to enact or reject the proposed measure, or place an alternative on the ballot, commenced on July 10, 2025, and will end on August 9, 2025.

The City Council finds that if adopted, Initiative Measure No. 2 would have broad and far-reaching impacts on employers and employees in the City of Tacoma and that it does not have sufficient information to make a

reasoned decision regarding whether it should enact Initiative Measure No. 2, or consider placing an alternative measure on the ballot.

For the above-stated reasons, the City Council has determined that it will not enact, and therefore rejects, Initiative No. 2, and pursuant to Section 2.19(j) of the City Charter, the City council must call for a special election on November 4, 2025, concurrent with the general election, and submit the proposed measure to the voters for their approval or rejection.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation.

ATTACHMENTS:
None.

City of Tacoma **City Council Action Memorandum**

TO: **Hyun Kim, City Manager**
FROM: **Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren**
COPY: **City Council and City Clerk**
SUBJECT: A resolution creating a 15-member task force with 2-alternates to be named the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force for the purpose of reviewing various labor standards in Tacoma and authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of $50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the task force. The Task Force will consist of one member nominated by each Council Member and seven members, and two alternates nominated from various business or community groups selected by the Mayor. The Task Force shall sunset when it ~~complete its first report and~~ submits its final ~~any~~ recommendations to the City Council ~~by November 14, 2025~~.
DATE: **August 6, 2025**

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution creating a 15-member task force with 2-alternates to be named the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force for the purpose of reviewing various labor standards in Tacoma and authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of $50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the task force. The Task Force will consist of one member nominated by each Council Member and seven members, and two alternates nominated from various business or community groups selected by the Mayor. The Task Force shall sunset when it submits ~~a~~its final recommendations to the City Council. ~~The Task Force shall complete its first report and submit any recommendations to the City Council by November 14, 2025.~~

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards

BACKGROUND:

On July 9, 2025, the Tacoma City Clerk received an initiative petition certified by the County Auditor titled Initiative No. 2, Labor Standards for Certain Employees and notified the City Council. Per the City Charter, the City Council had 30 days to review the initiative and either reject it and send it to the November ballot for consideration by the voters or adopt it as written.

At the Council's next regular meeting on July 15th, 2025, s~~S~~taff presented on Initiative 2, reviewing the language of the initiative and taking questions from the City Council. At Council's direction, staff returned two weeks later to provide responses to those questions and additional information collected to give Council a better understanding of Initiative 2. With many questions still outstanding and new concerns coming to light at that time, the Council asked staff to return once more on August 5th, 2025. Following that to meet the Charter deadline of 30 days to act, the City Council scheduled a special meeting for Friday August 8th, 2025, where they would take final action.

This legislation recognizes that, ~~even with~~within the Charter ~~allowed~~prescribed 30 days to ~~act~~review, there are ~~far too many outstanding~~still many unanswered that make it difficult to fully ~~questions to be able to reasonably~~ understand the full impacts of Initiative 2. ~~The unknown impacts to both the city and the community at large and risk to existing services is far too important to rush forward with the current Initiative or consider a hastily drawn up alternative.~~ Regardless of the outcome of the initiative, the concerns and questions raised about labor standards warrant further discussion and consideration. To support this work ~~Instead~~, Mayor Woodards is proposing the creation of ~~es~~ a task force ~~that would focus on~~to examine ~~the various~~ labor standards, ~~identified~~both identified in the Initiative and brought up by community feedback, and bring forward~~back~~ recommendations for future policy improvements to the City Council for ~~adoption~~ consideration.

The Task Force will be expected ~~at a minimum~~ to bring ~~a~~ recommendations ~~on minimum wage before the end of November for Council consideration by the end of the year. F~~for all ~~other~~ labor standard items~~, the Task Force shall bring back recommendations~~ before March 20, 2026. The task force shall review the following topic areas~~s~~ as brought forward in initiative 2 and highlights by community feedback to bring back recommendations to the City Council. These areas are intended to be areas of focus to scope in the Task Force's efforts, but is not limited to just the specific items brought up in Initiative 2:~~:~~

1. Minimum Wage
2. Access to Hours
3. Predictable Schedules
4. Workplace safety

For the 15-member task force, each Council Member will nominate one person, preferably from their district, to ensure geographic and cultural diversity that represents the Tacoma community. The remaining seven members and two alternates shall be nominated by the Mayor with input from the Council, to represent business interests and community organizations and will strive to represent the following views that are not already included in Council nominations~~;~~:

- Large, medium, and small businesses in various fields
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Workforce Development Agencies
- Apprenticeship Programs
- Human Resource and Legal experts
- Union advocates
- Current minimum wage workers (unionized and non-unionized)
- Human resources experts
- Educational leaders (University, community, and technical college)
- Youth Voice
- Equity focused viewpoints (for example~~IE~~, disability, gender and orientation, racial)
- Cultural organizations

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:
We heard directly from a broad range of businesses, industry groups, and nonprofit organizations about the practical realities they may face in implementing labor standards identified in initiative 2. Many shared thoughtful

concerns about how new requirements could impact their operations, particularly around compliance timelines, administrative capacity, and potential costs. This feedback influenced the decision to slow down and bring forward a more thoughtful approach to labor standards for Tacoma.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:
This legislation brings together diverse viewpoints to thoughtfully explore future legislation that advances a thriving economy by raising wages and expanding work hours for those most impacted by low-wage jobs. By reviewing options for prioritizing fair pay and fair scheduling, future policy can support income stability, reduces reliance on public assistance, and promotes greater access to housing, healthcare, and opportunity. It aligns with the City's commitment to equity and inclusion and helps build a more inclusive local economy.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase the number of diverse livable wage jobs.
Increase the number of Tacoma households that have livable wage jobs within proximity to the city.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.
Elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community.
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).
This task force strengthens civic engagement by bringing together workers, employers, advocates, and community members to shape policies that directly affect their lives and livelihoods. It creates space for dialogue, builds trust in public processes, and ensures diverse voices are reflected in decision-making. By focusing on fair labor standards, the task force also helps create a stronger economy.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Do not pass	Additional funds are available for future unbudgeted needs.	A diverse body for additional research and deliberation would not be established to better review various labor standards.
2. Amend to change task force focus or membership	Ensure various viewpoints are included and the focus of the task force meets the needs of the City Council.	Increasing or decreasing membership or scope could create a harder to manage task force process.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The Task Force will hold public meetings and will be supported by relevant staff. Regular reports can be given to the City Council, and formal recommendations will be transmitted before the end of the year and before March 20, 2026. There will be opportunities for additional engagement with the Task Force to provide feedback and discussion items for consideration.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend adoption of this resolution to establish a task force to explore new labor standards for Tacoma.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. ~~1.~~Council Contingency Fund	660000		$50,000
~~2.~~			
TOTAL			$50,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?
Council Contingency Fund

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?
NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW
~~**No,**~~
The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?
No
While the task force does not directly create ongoing fiscal obligations, future recommendations from the task force might.

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?
No
While the task force does not directly create ongoing fiscal obligations, future recommendations from the task force might.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2025-2026 Council Contingency Commitments

Contingency Commitments

		Funding Amount
2025	**$**	**321,709.00**
Resolution 41610		
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	**$**	**10,000.00**
Council Contingency fund expenditure of $10,000 to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.		
Substitute Ordinance 29002		
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	**$**	**50,000.00**
Dedicate $50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.		
Substitute Ordinance 29002		
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	**$**	**25,000.00**
Dedicate $25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.		
Resolution 41681		
Tacoma Porchfest	**$**	**10,000.00**
Council Contingency fund expenditure of $10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.		
Resolution 41968		
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	**$**	**15,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $15,000 to Supplement the $30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.		
Resolution 41724		
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	$	**10,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of $10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.		
Resolution 41723		
BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair	**$**	**5,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of $5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.		
To Council August 19, 2025		
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	**$**	**15,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary		
To Council August 12, 2025		
	$	**50,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.		
Starting Balance	**$**	**321,709.00**
Total Amount Allotted	**$**	**190,000.00**
Current Balance	**$**	**131,709.00**

City of Tacoma **City Council Action Memorandum**

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Council Member Sandesh Sadalge and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPY: City Clerk and City Council
SUBJECT: **Resolution – Contingency Fund Request of $15,000 for "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary – August 19, 2025**
DATE: **August 7, 2025**

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing a Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" documentary to showcase the cultures, histories, and aspirations of Tacoma.
[Council Member Sandesh Sadalge]

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Woodards, Council Members Diaz, Sadalge, and Scott

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma is more than a city—it's a living mosaic of cultures, histories, and aspirations. Across its neighborhoods, from the Eastside to the waterfront, the people of Tacoma are writing a powerful story of identity, resilience, and transformation. As Tacoma nears its 150th anniversary, it stands as a city defined by resilience, creativity, and a deep sense of purpose. "Grit of Destiny" is a documentary that chronicles Tacoma's journey—from its industrial roots to its rise as a diverse, culturally rich, and forward-looking city. This film will demonstrate that Tacoma is a viable location for film production and the contractor aims to use it to attract national and international creative producers to Tacoma.

This resolution directs the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Syed K Jamal, or an affiliated business, for this project. The contractor will create a documentary to spotlight real voices—artists, elders, small business owners, students, and community leaders, capturing the energy and diversity that make Tacoma thrive. Through their stories and lived experiences, this documentary will explore how the city is evolving from the ground up. A centerpiece of the story will be the inaugural Festival of Light at the Eastside Community Center, a vibrant celebration of intercultural unity, creative expression, and community leadership. The event represents Tacoma's emerging role as a city that leads with both soul and substance while embracing global cultures. The documentary will be presented both online and during a screening, organized by the contractor.

Syed K Jamal, as the contractor, will credit the City of Tacoma in all promotional materials related to the funded project. Where possible, the City of Tacoma logo should be used. The contractor, as author of the Artwork, shall retain all copyrights to the Artwork, provided that the contractor grants the City perpetual irrevocable license to reproduce, distribute, publicly perform, display and create derivative works of the work, but only for noncommercial education, public information, and other governmental purposes. Deliverables should be complete by end of year 2026.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Council Members have received this request from Syed K Jamal. The contractor will request community organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, APCC, Visit Pierce County, Travel Tacoma, Park Tacoma and others to showcase it on their channels and social media. Because the contractor's goal is to attract national and international creative producers to Tacoma, this film could become a part of Tacoma's visual presentation at events like WAVES in India, Cannes in France, and film markets across several regions in Europe and Asia.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: ***(Mandatory)***

Tacoma is a vibrant and culturally diverse City, with approximately 45% of it's population being BIPOC or two and more races. Local history records and archives can be an important tool for preserving and celebrating community identity. However, a closer examination reveals that historic preservation can have a complex and multifaceted relationship with racial justice. Preservation efforts can perpetuate racial inequality by prioritizing the histories and cultural heritage of dominant groups, while erasing or marginalizing the experiences of communities of color. On the other hand, preservation can also be a powerful tool for promoting racial justice, by providing a platform for marginalized voices and stories to be heard and celebrated.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Representation at public meetings will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).
Now more than ever, showcasing our cultural diversity is critical to creating a welcoming environment for all residents of Tacoma. This project will dig into the roots of what makes the City culturally rich, and will highlight how residents of all backgrounds contribute to the vibrancy of Tacoma. The completed project will be available via multiple media channels to be accessible to broader groups of people who receive information via new and traditional media channels.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Direct this funding request to existing arts program funding opportunities	Funding for arts and culture projects is determined through a competitive scoring process; preserve contingency funds for other Council priorities	Miss an emerging opportunity to support a timely arts project

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Contingency funds are intended as a one-time funding source. The contractor will be provided with information on how to apply for future grants and arts funding opportunities at the City of Tacoma during standard application cycles, including the Community Arts Projects funding, Tacoma Artists Initiative Program funding, and Tacoma Creates funding.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The sponsors recommend the City Council pass this resolution allocating $15,000 from the Council contingency fund for the creation of the "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" documentary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1030- Council Contingency Fund	660000		$15,000
2.			
TOTAL			$15,000

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?
NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW
The Council Contingency Fund provides an established amount of funding each year for unbudgeted Council sponsored initiatives.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?
No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?
No

ATTACHMENTS:
- Resolution

Contingency Commitments

		Funding Amount
2025	**$**	**321,709.00**
Resolution 41610		
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	**$**	**10,000.00**
Council Contingency fund expenditure of $10,000 to support the 76th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.		
Substitute Ordinance 29002		
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	**$**	**50,000.00**
Dedicate $50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.		
Substitute Ordinance 29002		
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	**$**	**25,000.00**
Dedicate $25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.		
Resolution 41681		
Tacoma Porchfest	**$**	**10,000.00**
Council Contingency fund expenditure of $10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.		
Resolution 41968		
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	**$**	**15,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $15,000 to Supplement the $30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.		
Resolution 41724		
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	$	**10,000.00**
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of $10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.		
Resolution 41723		
BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair	**$**	**5,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of $5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.		
To Council August 19, 2025		
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	**$**	**15,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary		
To Council August 12, 2025		
	$	**50,000.00**
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of $50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.		
Starting Balance	**$**	**321,709.00**
Total Amount Allotted	**$**	**190,000.00**
Current Balance	**$**	**131,709.00**

Citywide Weekly Briefing for 28 July 2025 to 03 August 2025

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Persons	**98**	**79**	**376**	**333**	**2551**	**2450**	19.4%▼	11.4%▼	4.0%▼
Assault	81	71	337	304	2312	2219	12.3%▼	9.8%▼	4.0%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	3	1	14	13	0.0%	66.7%▼	7.1%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	3	2	12	6	58	42	33.3%▼	50.0%▼	27.6%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	14	6	24	22	165	176	57.1%▼	8.3%▼	6.7%▲
Property	**348**	**286**	**1449**	**1119**	**11934**	**8389**	17.8%▼	22.8%▼	29.7%▼
Arson	1	1	22	10	75	63	0.0%	54.5%▼	16.0%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	26	25	131	113	901	726	3.8%▼	13.7%▼	19.4%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	3	2	44	24	100.0%▼	33.3%▼	45.5%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	82	94	350	334	3248	2324	14.6%▲	4.6%▼	28.4%▼
Fraud	10	3	52	35	362	303	70.0%▼	32.7%▼	16.3%▼
Larceny/Theft	149	101	598	441	4869	3581	32.2%▼	26.3%▼	26.5%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	61	47	212	147	1951	1030	23.0%▼	30.7%▼	47.2%▼
Robbery	10	7	41	17	250	177	30.0%▼	58.5%▼	29.2%▼
Stolen Property	8	5	35	14	198	113	37.5%▼	60.0%▼	42.9%▼
Society	**16**	**22**	**56**	**92**	**380**	**600**	37.5%▲	64.3%▲	57.9%▲
Drug/Narcotic	9	16	29	68	219	400	77.8%▲	134.5%▲	82.6%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	1	9	15	0.0%	NC	66.7%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	2	8	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	7	6	27	23	150	177	14.3%▼	14.8%▼	18.0%▲
Citywide Totals	**462**	**387**	**1881**	**1544**	**14865**	**11439**	**16.2%▼**	**17.9%▼**	**23.0%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 64.8% (46/71) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 53 DV-related offenses.
- 73.6% (39/53) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 49.3% (35/71) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 42 ↗ 53
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 47 ↘ 40

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 16 ↘ 9
- 4930 N Salmon Beach: 0 ↗ 6
- 1815 S G St: 0 ↗ 6
- 6012 N 15th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 1206 S I St: 0 ↗ 4
- 1717 S J St: 1 ↗ 4

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 79 ↗ 80
- Apartment: 73 ↘ 64
- Parking Lot: 75 ↘ 62
- Single Family Residence: 73 ↘ 57
- Grocery Store: 6 ↗ 12

Sector 1 Weekly Briefing for 28 July 2025 to 03 August 2025

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Persons	**22**	**19**	**95**	**90**	**645**	**617**	13.6%▼	5.3%▼	4.3%▼
Assault	19	16	88	78	575	543	15.8%▼	11.4%▼	5.6%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	2	2	19	11	0.0%	0.0%	42.1%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	3	3	5	10	47	59	0.0%	100.0%▲	25.5%▲
Property	**111**	**81**	**386**	**345**	**3259**	**2527**	27.0%▼	10.6%▼	22.5%▼
Arson	1	0	13	1	38	20	100.0%▼	92.3%▼	47.4%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	8	6	33	37	254	214	25.0%▼	12.1%▲	15.7%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	0	3	1	0.0%	100.0%▼	66.7%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	36	28	123	117	1123	842	22.2%▼	4.9%▼	25.0%▼
Fraud	2	1	6	9	54	74	50.0%▼	50.0%▲	37.0%▲
Larceny/Theft	39	30	129	138	1217	966	23.1%▼	7.0%▲	20.6%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	10	61	30	475	314	50.0%▼	50.8%▼	33.9%▼
Robbery	4	5	11	9	56	50	25.0%▲	18.2%▼	10.7%▼
Stolen Property	1	1	9	3	32	34	0.0%	66.7%▼	6.3%▲
Society	**2**	**7**	**10**	**24**	**90**	**135**	250.0%▲	140.0%▲	50.0%▲
Drug/Narcotic	0	5	4	19	53	86	NC	375.0%▲	62.3%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	3	2	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	2	2	6	5	33	43	0.0%	16.7%▼	30.3%▲
Sector Totals	**135**	**107**	**491**	**459**	**3994**	**3279**	**20.7%▼**	**6.5%▼**	**17.9%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 50.0% (8/16) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 17 DV-related offenses.
- 70.6% (12/17) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 62.5% (10/16) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 14 ↗ 17
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 17 ↘ 12

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1815 S G St: 0 ↗ 6
- 1206 S I St: 0 ↗ 4
- 1717 S J St: 1 ↗ 4
- 2303 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 3
- 2501 Commerce St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1419 S Grant Ave: 0 ↗ 3

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 33 ↘ 29
- Apartment: 22 ↗ 26
- Parking Lot: 20 ↘ 14
- Other Business: 1 ↗ 5
- Convenience Store (7-11): 0 ↗ 4
- Single Family Residence: 15 ↘ 4

Sector 2 Weekly Briefing for 28 July 2025 to 03 August 2025

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	03-Aug-2024	03-Aug-2025	03-Aug-2024	03-Aug-2025	03-Aug-2024	03-Aug-2025			
Persons	**35**	**19**	**110**	**74**	**648**	**573**	45.7%▼	32.7%▼	11.6%▼
Assault	28	18	95	71	576	517	35.7%▼	25.3%▼	10.2%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	1	0	2	2	0.0%	100.0%▼	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	0	5	0	18	8	100.0%▼	100.0%▼	55.6%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	5	1	9	3	51	46	80.0%▼	66.7%▼	9.8%▼
Property	**89**	**115**	**422**	**319**	**3199**	**2065**	29.2%▲	24.4%▼	35.4%▼
Arson	0	0	4	0	11	9	0.0%	100.0%▼	18.2%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	5	7	32	22	211	165	40.0%▲	31.3%▼	21.8%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	0	16	5	0.0%	100.0%▼	68.8%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	24	46	100	101	864	592	91.7%▲	1.0%▲	31.5%▼
Fraud	3	2	16	9	123	75	33.3%▼	43.8%▼	39.0%▼
Larceny/Theft	38	39	182	128	1383	892	2.6%▲	29.7%▼	35.5%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	20	74	54	512	267	17.6%▲	27.0%▼	47.9%▼
Robbery	2	1	9	2	48	38	50.0%▼	77.8%▼	20.8%▼
Stolen Property	0	0	3	2	22	10	0.0%	33.3%▼	54.5%▼
Society	**3**	**1**	**10**	**2**	**52**	**44**	66.7%▼	80.0%▼	15.4%▼
Drug/Narcotic	2	1	4	1	30	16	50.0%▼	75.0%▼	46.7%▼
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	1	0	6	1	21	26	100.0%▼	83.3%▼	23.8%▲
Sector Totals	**127**	**135**	**542**	**395**	**3899**	**2682**	**6.3%▲**	**27.1%▼**	**31.2%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:
- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 83.3% (15/18) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 9 DV-related offenses.
- 88.9% (8/9) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 44.4% (8/18) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 15 ↘ 9
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 14 ↗ 22

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year
- 4930 N Salmon Beach: 0 ↗ 6
- 6012 N 15th St: 0 ↗ 4
- 1601 S Union Ave: 0 ↗ 3
- 1 Broadway: 0 ↗ 3
- 2411 N Proctor St: 2 ↗ 3
- 1500 N Warner St: 0 ↗ 3
- 3011 N 26th St: 0 ↗ 3
- There were 2 additional locations with 3.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year
- Parking Lot: 16 ↗ 33
- Single Family Residence: 23 ↗ 29
- Apartment: 22 ↘ 21
- Street/Right Of Way: 18 ↔ 18
- Grocery Store: 3 ↗ 5

Sector 3 Weekly Briefing for 28 July 2025 to 03 August 2025

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	03-Aug-2024	03-Aug-2025	03-Aug-2024	03-Aug-2025	03-Aug-2024	03-Aug-2025			
Persons	**22**	**23**	**83**	**82**	**584**	**578**	4.5%▲	1.2%▼	1.0%▼
Assault	18	20	77	75	545	529	11.1%▲	2.6%▼	2.9%▼
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	1	2	9	10	NC	100.0%▲	11.1%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	4	2	5	5	28	39	50.0%▼	0.0%	39.3%▲
Property	**69**	**41**	**350**	**215**	**2947**	**1957**	40.6%▼	38.6%▼	33.6%▼
Arson	0	1	4	2	15	12	NC	50.0%▼	20.0%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	5	4	32	16	227	149	20.0%▼	50.0%▼	34.4%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	1	13	10	100.0%▼	0.0%	23.1%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	11	10	64	61	671	473	9.1%▼	4.7%▼	29.5%▼
Fraud	2	0	15	10	99	75	100.0%▼	33.3%▼	24.2%▼
Larceny/Theft	38	16	175	96	1304	975	57.9%▼	45.1%▼	25.2%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	7	31	22	475	198	16.7%▲	29.0%▼	58.3%▼
Robbery	1	0	13	2	65	34	100.0%▼	84.6%▼	47.7%▼
Stolen Property	5	1	11	3	67	19	80.0%▼	72.7%▼	71.6%▼
Society	**7**	**7**	**26**	**23**	**114**	**146**	0.0%	11.5%▼	28.1%▲
Drug/Narcotic	6	5	18	14	70	97	16.7%▼	22.2%▼	38.6%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	1	2	11	0.0%	NC	450.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Weapon Law Violations	1	2	8	8	42	37	100.0%▲	0.0%	11.9%▼
Sector Totals	**98**	**71**	**459**	**320**	**3645**	**2681**	**27.6%▼**	**30.3%▼**	**26.4%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 65.0% (13/20) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 12 DV-related offenses.
- 75.0% (9/12) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 40.0% (8/20) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 4 ↗ 12
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 8 ↘ 2

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 4502 S Steele St: 16 ↘ 9
- 4548 South Tacoma Way: 0 ↗ 3
- S 66th St & S Huson St: 0 ↗ 2
- 5201 66th St W: 0 ↗ 2
- 5205 S Washington St: 0 ↗ 2
- 7414 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 2
- 7313 S Alaska St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 5 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 12 ↗ 16
- Parking Lot: 26 ↘ 12
- Single Family Residence: 4 ↗ 7
- Apartment: 18 ↘ 7
- Vehicle Sales And/Or Service: 0 ↗ 4
- Department Store: 8 ↘ 4

Sector 4 Weekly Briefing for 28 July 2025 to 03 August 2025

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Persons	**19**	**18**	**88**	**87**	**672**	**682**	5.3%▼	1.1%▼	1.5%▲
Assault	16	17	77	80	614	630	6.3%▲	3.9%▲	2.6%▲
Homicide *(doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)*	0	0	2	1	7	7	0.0%	50.0%▼	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	4	2	12	13	0.0%	50.0%▼	8.3%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	0	5	4	39	32	100.0%▼	20.0%▼	17.9%▼
Property	**79**	**49**	**291**	**240**	**2528**	**1840**	38.0%▼	17.5%▼	27.2%▼
Arson	0	0	1	7	11	22	0.0%	600.0%▲	100.0%▲
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	8	8	34	38	209	198	0.0%	11.8%▲	5.3%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	1	12	8	0.0%	NC	33.3%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	11	10	63	55	590	417	9.1%▼	12.7%▼	29.3%▼
Fraud	3	0	15	7	86	79	100.0%▼	53.3%▼	8.1%▼
Larceny/Theft	34	16	112	79	964	748	52.9%▼	29.5%▼	22.4%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	10	46	41	489	251	44.4%▼	10.9%▼	48.7%▼
Robbery	3	1	8	4	81	55	66.7%▼	50.0%▼	32.1%▼
Stolen Property	2	3	12	6	77	50	50.0%▲	50.0%▼	35.1%▼
Society	**4**	**7**	**10**	**43**	**124**	**275**	75.0%▲	330.0%▲	121.8%▲
Drug/Narcotic	1	5	3	34	66	201	400.0%▲	1033.3%▲	204.5%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▼
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.0%	0.0%	200.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	3	2	7	9	54	71	33.3%▼	28.6%▲	31.5%▲
Sector Totals	**102**	**74**	**389**	**370**	**3324**	**2797**	**27.5%▼**	**4.9%▼**	**15.9%▼**

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 58.8% (10/17) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 15 DV-related offenses.
- 66.7% (10/15) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 52.9% (9/17) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 9 ↗ 15
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 8 ↘ 4

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 3704 Yakima Ave: 0 ↗ 3
- 4103 Everett St: 0 ↗ 3
- 707 S 56th St: 1 ↗ 3
- 1302 S 38th St: 2 ↔ 2
- S 90th St & S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 2
- 3620 S D St: 0 ↗ 2
- 4309 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 4 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Single Family Residence: 31 ↘ 17
- Street/Right Of Way: 16 ↗ 17
- Apartment: 11 ↘ 10
- Grocery Store: 3 ↗ 7
- Driveway: 0 ↗ 4
- Alley: 1 ↗ 4

Tacoma City Council Constituent Intake Website Data Report: August 2025

Total Request Submissions	Request Submissions
729	515
Total Submissions	Inquiries that include +1 Council Member

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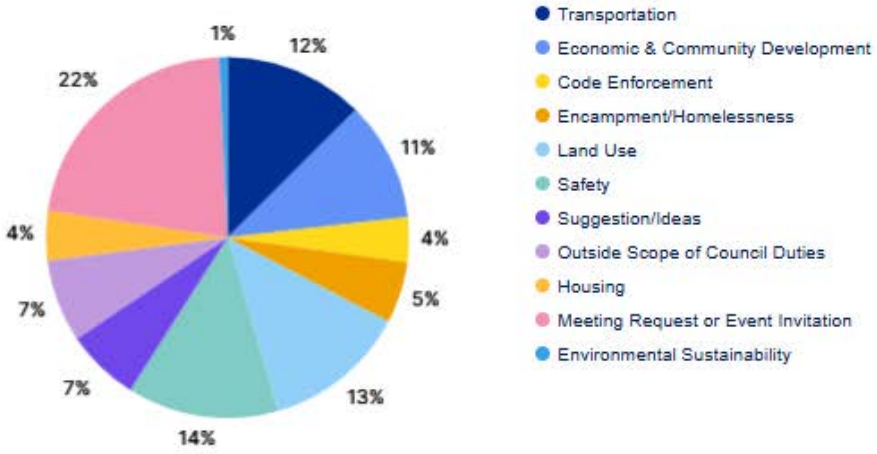
Summary



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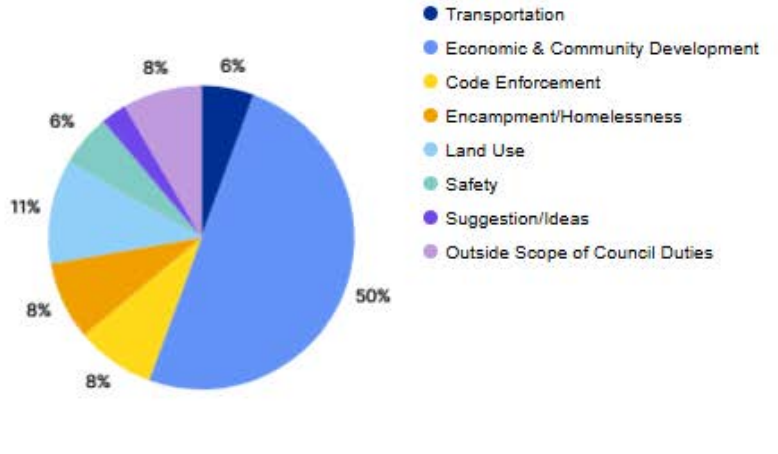

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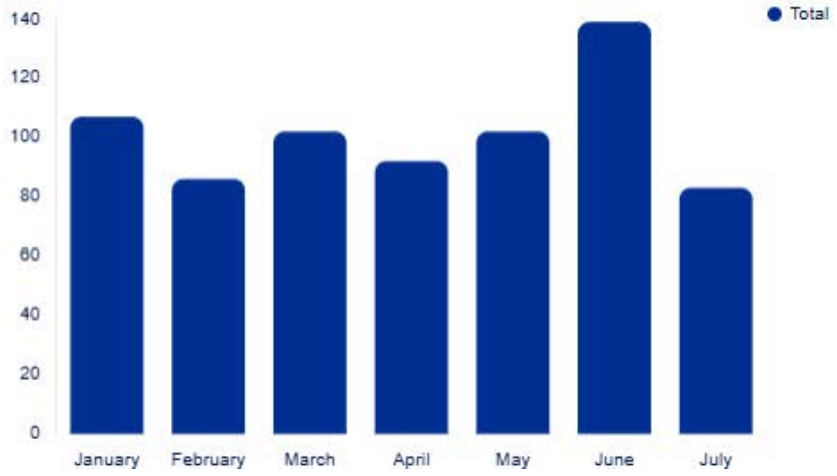

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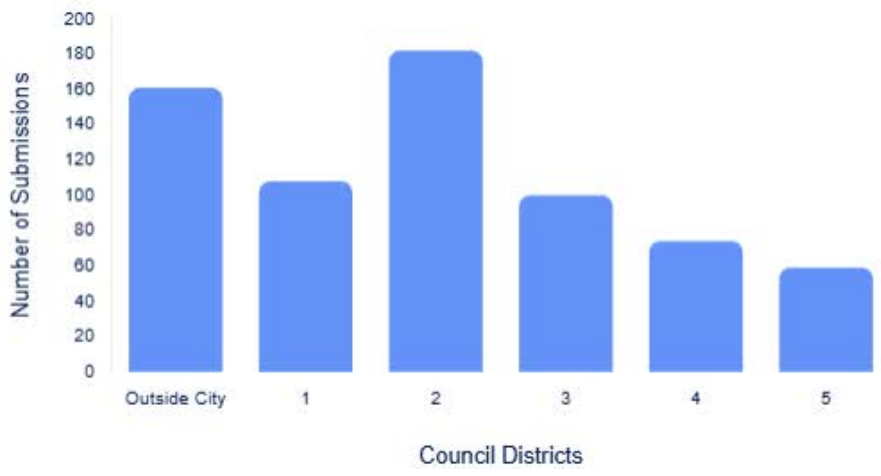

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MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 11, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2025

TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
	MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025	
5:00 PM	Local Improvement District (L.I.D.) Hearings*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
5:00 PM	Tacoma Arts Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/91664469812 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 916 6446 9812 Passcode: 376093
5:30 PM	Human Rights Commission Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: http://zoom.us/j/85915410975 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 1541 0975 Passcode: 166967 Contact Vicky McLaurin at HRCandCIRA@tacoma.gov
6:00 PM	Commission on Elected Salaries – Special Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 138 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/98591418685 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 985 9141 8685 Passcode: 105898
6:00 PM	Community's Police Advisory Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 220A Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/85076233615 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 850 7623 3615 Passcode: 889454 Contact Ted Richardson at trichardson@tacoma.gov
6:30 PM	Human Rights Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: http://zoom.us/j/85915410975 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 1541 0975 Passcode: 166967 Contact Vicky McLaurin at HRCandCIRA@tacoma.gov
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025	
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer
10:00 AM	Economic Development Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88227539908 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908 Passcode: 614650
11:15 AM	Bid Opening**	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-M1 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88402680573 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 884 0268 0573 Passcode: 070737 Contact Lisa Yost at 253-502-8468
NOON	City Council Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89496171192 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569
5:00 PM	City Council Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84834233126 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025		
NOON	Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 138 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/85831009869 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 858 3100 9869
4:00 PM	Public Utility Board Study Session – Change of Time	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., Conf. Rm. LT1 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/81336402669 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 813 3640 2669
4:30 PM	Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/87829056704 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 878 2905 6704 Passcode: 614650
5:30 PM	Landmarks Preservation Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89120046605 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 891 2004 6605
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6:30 PM	Public Utility Board Meeting	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., Auditorium Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84626080846 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 846 2608 0846

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025		
7:30 AM	Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84447211773 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 4721 1773 Passcode: 970091
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
10:00 AM	Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Board	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-LT1 Conf. Rm. Contact Adora Peters at 253-502-8612
4:30 PM	Community Vitality and Safety Committee	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/85961604917 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917 Passcode: 614650
4:00 PM	Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/87500730041 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 875 0073 0041 Passcode: 931997
5:00 PM	Land Use Public Meeting***	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Contact Shirley Schultz at sschultz@tacoma.gov

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the appropriate department(s) 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at 253-591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.

** Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at 253-502-8468 or www.tacomapurchasing.org to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.
*** Land Use Public Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact Division Manager Shirley Schultz at 253-345-0879 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week.

Purple Bags Phase 2 - Personal Mobile Toilet Kit Program Update – August 2025

Summary: During the past year, a cross-departmental team from ES, NCS and Tacoma Pierce County Health Department helped to develop a pilot program to provide personal mobile toilet supply kits and disposal services to help unhoused individuals living in Tacoma to manage human waste. Kits were distributed and tested by approximately 35 individuals throughout the late summer (July-Sept 2024) and early spring (Feb-Apr 2025.) Kit users provided positive feedback and suggested expansion of the program through community partners to distribute more kits.

The mobile toilet kits will also provide an opportunity to address needs of additional residents living on the streets in response to temporary shelter closures in June 2025.

Project Benefits – Quotes from Pilot Program Participants

Have you noticed any personal safety or health benefits from using the mobile toilet kits?
"My brother had to go to the hospital from constipation – he's better now, especially with the kit, no issues."

What did you like about the toilet kit?
"The toilet seat actually feels like a [standard] toilet seat, it feels normal."

What did you like about the disposal service?
"It worked well! We cleaned up a lot of garbage with the purple bags too!"

What information is important to share about this program?
"Yeah, if you want to allow people a way to clean themselves instead of living gross. This helps a lot. There are no public facilities within 5 miles. It's a public necessity like water fountains!"

Next Steps for Program Implementation with Partners

Neighborhood and Community Services/Environmental Services HEAL team members will continue to provide kits on an as-needed basis, and additionally ES has partnered with two community organizations to help distribute more kits:

- St Vincent de Paul (South Tacoma)
- Tacoma Rescue Mission (Downtown Tacoma)

The first delivery of kit supplies was provided to partners starting in July.

Mobile Toilet Kit Program Roll-out 2025-2026

- ES will order supplies for up to 400 kits per year (approx. cost $50,000/yr)
- ES staff will assemble and deliver kits to HEAL team and partner organizations
- ES will continue to support Purple bag/Toilet kit pick-up and disposal service through the ES Encampment Cleanup Contractor
- Continue to track usage through purple bag and toilet kit order numbers, along with the clean-up contractors' bag pick-up numbers.

Estimated Cost for 100 kits and 3 months of restock supplies

Item	Unit Cost	#/pilot period	Subtotal
5-gal bucket seat & lid	$12.99	200	$2,598.00
5-gal bucket (6 pk)	$34.99	34	$1,189.66
Privacy Tent	$22.79	100	$2,279.00
Toilet paper (12 double rolls)	$6.49	50	$324.50
Toilet wipes (12 pkg)	$14.83	50	$741.50
Portable Toilet Gel Powder Packs (50 each)	$9.99	100	$999.00
Personal hygeine products (48 pk)	$4.19	40	$167.60
Ziplock Gallon Bags (120 ct)	$9.17	5	$45.85
Hand Sanitizer (6 pk)	$14.08	34	$478.72
Zip Ties (1000 pk)	$15.29	2	$30.58
Tarps (8x10)	$13.97	100	$1,397.00
Clorox Sanitizer Wipes (3 pk)	$11.62	34	$395.08
Total Supply Cost			$10,646.49
Total Supply Cost W/ Tax			$11,743.08
Cost of individual toilet kit + 3 months of resupplies/per person			**$117.74**

City of Tacoma Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services
Brian Boudet, Acting Director, Planning and Development Services
SUBJECT: South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update
DATE: August 6, 2025

OVERVIEW:
On August 12, 2025, Planning and Development Services (PDS), Environmental Services (ES) and Tacoma Water staff will share the Planning Commission's recommendation on the South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD) code update in preparation for a public hearing scheduled for later that day.

BACKGROUND:
Established in 1988 by Ordinance No. 24083, the STGPD is an overlay zoning district created in response to area's high vulnerability to contamination of the underlying aquifer system. The original ordinance introduced regulations related to land use, stormwater infiltration, and the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous substances. It also established technical standards, identified prohibited uses, and created enforcement provisions. Notably, the STGPD was established before the development of state requirements related to Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs) under the Growth Management Act (GMA), which requires cities to identify and protect critical areas, including CARAs, to prevent harm to public health and natural resources.

The City is currently updating Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) 13.06.070.D, which contains the primary regulations for the STGPD. In addition, updates are being made to other sections of the code, TMC 13.06.040.J, 13.06.060, 13.06.090.B, and 13.06.090.J, to revise landscaping, tree canopy, and lot coverage standards that apply across various zoning districts. These changes are consistent with the updated STGPD Work Plan and reflect a broader effort to strengthen groundwater protection through updated land use policy.

In March 2021, the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council (STNC) submitted an application during the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle, seeking to:

a) Update the One Tacoma Plan and the TMC applicable to the STGPD and the aquifer recharge areas to address environmental and health risks and further prioritize protection of the STGPD; and
b) Transform the South Tacoma Manufacturing/Industrial Center into an Economic Green Zone (EGZ) that fosters environmentally sustainable industry specifically within South Tacoma, above and near this water source.

The Planning Commission conducted an assessment of the STNC's application, considered public comments received through a public scoping hearing in June 2021, and made a determination in July 2021 to move the application forward for technical analysis following a phased approach:

- Phase 1A: Work Plan (2022) – Develop a STGPD Code Update Work Plan during the 2022 Amendment cycle. (Adopted via Amended Substitute Resolution No. 40985 on June 28, 2022)
- Phase 1B: STGPD Code Amendments (2023–2025) – Update TMC 13.06.070.D pertaining to STGPD based on the adopted Work Plan.

- Phase 2: Creation of an EGZ – Explore establishing an EGZ to attract green industry to the City's manufacturing/industrial centers, aligning with the 2030 Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Strategy (Resolution No. 40878, November 30, 2021), pending budget and staffing requests to the City Council.

The Planning Commission forwarded its recommendations to the City Council in May 2022, supporting adoption of the STGPD Work Plan and encouraging the Council to consider a moratorium on future developments during the code amendment process to prevent pre-emptive land use decisions.

STGPD WORK PLAN

In June 2022, the City Council adopted Amended Substitute Resolution No. 40985, which:

- Approved the STGPD Code Update Work Plan; and
- Directed the Planning Commission to consider whether a moratorium on heavy industrial uses and hazardous material storage in the STGPD was warranted during the code update process.

STGPD MORATORIUM

Following public review and technical analysis, the Planning Commission submitted its findings on August 17, 2022, recommending a targeted moratorium on certain high impact uses within the STGPD. The Commission determined that a broad, blanket moratorium could result in disproportionate and inequitable impacts to diverse industrial and small businesses. Instead, it recommended temporary restrictions on the following uses:

- Underground storage tanks
- Metal recycling/auto wrecking
- Vehicle service and repair (later removed by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS))
- Vehicle service and repair – industrial (later removed by IPS)

The IPS Committee reviewed the Commission's recommendations and opted to narrow the moratorium's scope, citing insufficient risk to groundwater resources from vehicle service and repair uses. The Committee also emphasized the importance of allowing reasonable improvements to existing facilities that would reduce environmental risks, even if those improvements involve limited expansions.

On March 7, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28872, enacting a one-year moratorium (effective March 20, 2023) on:

- Underground storage tanks
- Metal recycling/auto wrecking

The moratorium has since been extended three times:

- March 5, 2024 – Extended via Ordinance No. 28958
- August 27, 2024 – Extended via Ordinance No. 28977
- February 25, 2025 – Extended via Ordinance No. 29020 (expires: September 20, 2025)

STGPD UPDATED WORK PLAN

Following the initial STGPD Work Plan adopted by the City Council in June 2022, the Planning Commission updated the Work Plan on December 20, 2023. The updated Work Plan reflects a more comprehensive and forward-looking approach to groundwater protection. The expansion of scope was driven by substantial community input, emerging research, and newly available resources.

The updated Work Plan broadened the scope of the STGPD code update to include additional policy and technical areas such as landscaping and tree canopy standards, impervious surface standards, a Health Impact Assessment (HIA), integration with the Critical Areas Ordinance, and potential refinements to STGPD boundaries.

The full scope of work includes:

- Prohibition of additional high impact land uses including underground storage tanks and metal recycling/auto wrecking facilities
- Improvements to enforcement and monitoring provisions
- Defining the timing and frequency of future code review and updates (also known as a Periodic Update)
- Evaluating the location of the STGPD code within the TMC and exploring options for potential relocation
- Improving coordination between the STGPD Overlay Zone and the Critical Areas Preservation Ordinance (TMC 13.11)
- Reviewing infiltration policy and stormwater treatment best management practices (BMPs)
- Impervious surface standards
- Updating maps of the STGPD Overlay Zone and CARAs
- Improving landscaping and tree canopy standards for industrial zones in STGPD, South Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center (STMIC), and Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center (RGC)
- Improving general program awareness
- Conducting HIA for the STGPD Overlay Zone
- Strengthening inter-departmental coordination related to permitting and land use amendments

JANUARY 2025 IPS COMMITTEE MEETING

On January 22, 2025, staff presented the initial findings and recommendations from the code review to the IPS Committee. This presentation also included updates on recent engagement activities, a review of the best available science, and an overview of state mandates aimed at strengthening groundwater protection efforts in Tacoma.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF THE DRAFT CODE

From April through June 2025, the Planning Commission conducted its review of the STGPD code. The Commission applied the review criteria outlined in TMC 13.02.070.H.1 and TMC 13.05.030, which evaluate whether a proposed amendment benefits the City as a whole, supports public health, safety, and welfare, and aligns with state law, regional policy, and the Comprehensive Plan.

During this period, the Commission received staff presentations on the draft code, reviewed findings from the HIA, held a public hearing, and deliberated on public comments. The Commission finalized recommended amendments and voted to forward the draft code to the City Council for consideration.

The Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and Recommendation can be found here:

- Planning Commission Recommendation Package

ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Extensive engagement was conducted to ensure the STGPD code update is informed by broad community input, technical expertise, and alignment with citywide goals. Outreach has targeted residents, businesses, and partner agencies, with a focus on accessibility, transparency, and community relevance. Between early 2024 and spring 2025, the City participated in a range of public events and forums to share information, gather feedback, and answer questions about the STGPD and its connection to public health, environmental protection, and land use policy. These events included:

- Spotlight on South Tacoma Series (January–March 2024): Neighborhood-focused outreach that elevated local concerns and surfaced early feedback on groundwater protection.
- Sustainability Expos (April 13, 2024 & April 26, 2025): Opportunities to connect with hundreds of community members around sustainability, water protection, and environmental health.
- Día de los Niños / Eastside Mini-Olympic Games (May 4, 2024)
- Nine One Tacoma Visioning Workshops (May–June 2024) and four One Tacoma Workshops (February–March 2025): Broader comprehensive planning events where groundwater protection and the STGPD code update were discussed alongside citywide planning goals.
- Ocean Fest (August 2024)
- South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee (August 22, 2024): Focused dialogue on community priorities, including landscaping and tree canopy standards and land use compatibility.
- Tacoma Permit Advisory Group (September 18, 2024) and South Tacoma Business District Association (September 19, 2024): Targeted engagement with development, permitting and business stakeholders.
- Community informational meeting at STAR Center (May 15, 2025): A focused public meeting providing an overview of the STGPD code update, best available science, and ways to provide feedback on the draft code.
- The STNC, as the original applicant for the code amendment, was regularly informed and engaged throughout the process. Their input helped shape the initial work plan and direction of the STGPD Code Update.

Two advisory groups were also convened to provide focused guidance:

- STGPD HIA Advisory Group: formed by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, brought together nine representatives from the public, businesses, and the STNC to ensure the HIA reflected community health priorities. This group met five times between July 2024 and March 2025.
- Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Public Advisory Committee: Established to support the IRP update, this committee included representatives from local jurisdictions, the Washington State Department of Health, and a member of the STNC. This Committee met five times between May 2024 and January 2025 to provide technical input on water supply and demand with consideration of future climate risks.

Feedback gathered across these engagement efforts played a significant role in shaping the STGPD code update, particularly in identifying high impact uses and refining strategies to better protect South Tacoma's groundwater resources.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Action
August 12, 2025	Study Session	Public Hearing Preparation
August 12, 2025	Council Meeting	Public Hearing
August 19, 2025	Study Session	Public Hearing Debrief
August 26, 2025	Council Meeting	Ordinance (First Reading)
September 9, 2025	Council Meeting	Ordinance (Final Reading)
September 20, 2025	N/A	Current Moratorium Expires

PROJECT INFORMATION:

The proposed STGPD code, Work Plan, moratorium and other relevant materials are available for public review at: www.tacoma.gov/stgpd

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City of Tacoma Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services
Brian Boudet, Acting Director, Planning and Development Services
SUBJECT: One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update
DATE: August 6, 2025

OVERVIEW:
On August 12, 2025, Planning and Development Services staff will present an overview of the Planning Commission's review and recommendations pertaining to the Tideflats Subarea Plan and related implementing amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Title 13 Land Use Regulatory Code, TMC Title 19 Shoreline Master Program, and the Draft Planned Action Ordinance. This presentation is in preparation for a resolution during the City Council meeting on September 9, 2025, to set October 28, 2025, as a public hearing on the Subarea Plan and related amendments to the TMC.

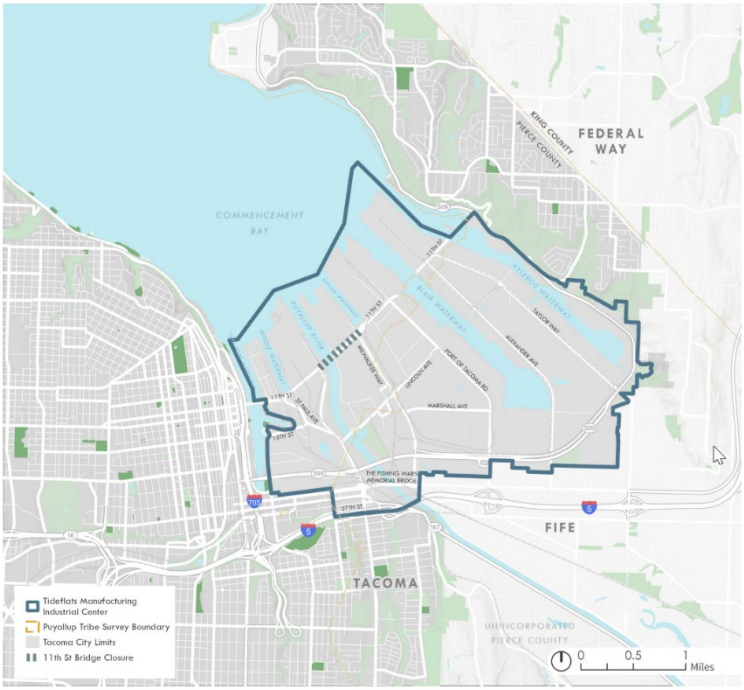
The presentation will also include staff from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCH), including Director of Public Health Chantell Harmon Reed and Healthy Community Planner Erin Dilworth. They will provide an overview of the Tideflats Subarea Plan Health Impact Assessment (HIA) conducted by the TPCHD.

WHAT'S IN THE TIDEFLATS SUBAREA PLAN?
The Tideflats Subarea Plan is a shared long-term vision supported by goals and policies that provide a roadmap to achieve the vision. The Subarea Plan is intended to create a more coordinated approach to development, environmental review, and strategic capital investments in the Tideflats. The Plan was developed through intergovernmental collaboration and community engagement and is guided by the vision and guiding principles that came out of this process. The five participating governments who co-developed the Plan with community are: City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, City of Fife, and Pierce County. The Plan's vision, goals, and policies supports economic prosperity, strengthens existing center assets, expands transportation choices, and improves environmental quality. The Steering Committee members unanimously recommended the draft Plan on December 5, 2025. Specific aspects include:

- Balancing Industrial Success with Environmental Restoration: Plan policies called for coordinated actions and investments to restore ecosystems, improve water quality, and protect biodiversity alongside industrial development.
- Indigenous Values: The Plan honors both the natural and cultural landscapes of the region. Policies and action recognize the Puyallup Tribe's rights and interests in the Tideflats and ensure that any development respects their cultural, economic, and environmental connections to the land.
- Comprehensive Climate Action: The Plan's policies integrate climate resilience strategies, with specific actions around decarbonization goals, adaptive measures for sea-level rise, and restoration of natural habitats.

- Economic and Industrial Adaptation: The Plan supports economic flexibility by preserving core industrial uses and encouraging industries that meet environmental goals and facilitate innovation in clean energy. It demonstrates how a world class port can thrive alongside growing urban neighborhoods.
- Transportation and Infrastructure Innovations: The Plan takes a holistic approach to transportation infrastructure, promoting proactive investments in multimodal transportation systems that support both the industrial sector and the surrounding community. It also incorporates green infrastructure solutions to mitigate pollution and improve the urban landscape as well as public access to the waterfront.
- Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement: The Plan was developed through a seven-year long collaborative process that set up ongoing dialogue among local governments, tribes, businesses, and residents, fostering shared accountability and coordinated problem-solving for long-term implementation.

THE TACOMA TIDEFLATS SUBAREA



The Tideflats Subarea is comprised of over 5,000 acres of waterfront and industrial lands. The area is designated as the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center (MIC) and is home to Tacoma and Pierce County's highest concentration of industrial and manufacturing activity. The Tideflats Subarea is also a unique environment container river delta, tidal creeks, and freshwater and salt marshes. Over 1,000 acres of this vital saltwater and estuarine habitat is home to several species of salmon, shellfish, and other marine life. The Tideflats also serves as an important location for the cultural traditions of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the continued practice of their tribal treaty rights.

ACCOMPANYING CODE REVISIONS

The following revisions are included alongside the Tideflats Subarea Plan to integrate the initial Plan recommendations into the TMC. These changes are recommended to ensure that new development that occurs within the Subarea is consistent with the zoning and land use recommendations from the Draft Plan.

Revisions to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan	These proposed revisions would modify the Future Land Use Map in the One Tacoma Plan to integrate new Land Use Designations for the Tideflats Subarea, recognizing the status of the area as both a Container Port and regionally designated MIC.
Revisions to the TMC Title 13 Land Use Regulatory Code	These proposed revisions would integrate the zoning and land use regulations from the Subarea Plan into the TMC, establishing the new Seaport Zoning Districts. These changes are proposed concurrent with the Subarea Plan to ensure that new uses proposed within the Subarea are consistent with Plan.
Revisions to TMC Title 19 Shoreline Master Program	These proposed revisions would modify the City's Shoreline Master Program to establish a new Seaport Shoreline Environment Designation, modify the existing Urban Conservancy Designation to distinguish marine and freshwater environments, update the prohibited uses to reflect Plan recommendations, and replace the Shoreline Zoning Districts with proposed Seaport Zones.
Planned Action Ordinance	The Planned Action ordinance is a proposed modification to the City's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process, streamlining project level SEPA review for qualifying projects that demonstrate consistency with the Subarea Plan and whose project impacts are addressed through the regulatory code and mitigation requirements. The Planned Action Ordinance maintains project level air quality review for industrial projects.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Planning Commission's Letter of Recommendation, Findings of Fact, and proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code are all available for public review at the following webpage**:** tacoma.gov/tideflats.

- Letter of Recommendation
- Findings of Fact and Recommendations
    - Attachment 1: Proposed Amendments for Council Consideration
    - Attachment 2: Draft Tideflats Subarea Plan
    - Attachment 3: One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan

  - Attachment 4: TMC Title 13 Land Use Regulatory Code
  - Attachment 5: TMC Title 19 Shoreline Master Program
  - Attachment 6: Planned Action Ordinance
- Public Comment

HIA

HIAs inform decision-makers and the public of the potential health outcomes, both beneficial and harmful, of a proposed project, policy, or program. HIAs provide recommendations to increase potential public health benefits and reduce potential harms to public health. The City commissioned this HIA to provide a tool to evaluate the health impacts of the Tideflats Subarea Plan.

The TPCHD reviewed the Tideflats Subarea Plan's proposed priority action items, transportation investments, and land use zoning map and code, and assessed how they might improve or harm public health in terms of air quality and water quality. In their recommendations, the TPCHD:

- Created a tiered prioritization for the Plan's action items and transportation investments.
- Identified land use code changes proposed in the Plan that could promote improvements in public health.
- Suggested amendments to the land use code and zoning map, including additional special use standards, performance measures, and prohibitions that could further promote improvements in public health.

Read the HIA here: https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Tideflats-HIA-Report-August-2025.pdf

TENTATIVE NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION OF THE SUBAREA PLAN

Target Date	Meeting	Milestone
August 26 , 2025	**Committee of the Whole**	• **Identify potential Plan or Code amendments to include in the public hearing**
September 9, 2025	**City Council**	• **Resolution to set public hearing**
October 28, 2025	**City Council**	• **Public Hearing** • **45-day Public Comment period per Intergovernmental Work Plan**
November 18, 2025	**City Council**	• **Study Session Debrief** • **First Reading of Ordinances**
December 2, 2025	**City Council**	• **Final Reading of Ordinances**

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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO:	Mayor & City Council
FROM:	Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPIES TO:	Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Allyson Griffith, Deputy City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney
SUBJECT:	**Ordinance – Committee, Board, and Commission Emerging Leader Seats – August 12, 2025**
DATE:	August 6, 2025

I ask for your support for an ordinance to align all Committee, Board, and Commission Youth Seats into an Emerging Leader Seat proposal.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:
Resolution/Ordinance Request:
On July 24, 2025, the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee unanimously recommended the Committee, Board, and Commission (CBC) Emerging Leader seat proposal to the full Council. The purpose of CBC Emerging Leader seats is to engage youth and young adults early in life to encourage life-long community service, create opportunities for youth professional development and leadership opportunities, and value youth-specific feedback in City Council policy development.

There are eight Committees, Boards, and Commissions (CBCs) with specified youth seats or past legislative direction to create a youth seat. Specifications and appointment processes for these positions vary. This proposal aligns appointment processes and requirements for all CBC youth to reduce confusion in the application process, increase recruitment and retention for youth seat positions, and streamline work. This proposal will require code updates to the CBCs that are currently codified, but does not propose to add additional CBCs to the TMC.

The CBC Emerging Leader Seat proposal will apply to the following CBCs:

- Climate and Sustainability Commission
- Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
- Community's Police Advisory Committee
- Human Rights Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities
- Tacoma Arts Commission* pending a recommendation from the Tacoma Arts Commission at their September 8, 2025 meeting
- Tacoma Creates Advisory Board

While the 2013 resolution 38668 provided legislative direction to create a Youth Seat for the Tacoma arts Commission (TAC), this policy intent was never codified. In 2017, Ordinance 28480 adjusted TAC position assignments and did not incorporate the youth seat position and the Youth Seat is not

currently in effect. CM Rumbaugh has requested the TAC review the CBC Emerging Leader Proposal and make a recommendation on whether the Council should codify changing one TAC at-large seat to an Emerging Leader Seat.

This proposal will:

- Rename "Youth Seats" to "Emerging Leader" seats.
- Align recruitment of Emerging Leader seats to the regular recruitment timeline for each CBC.
- Use standard appointment process for Emerging Leader applications – including interview by a Council Committee, which recommends appointment to full Council.
- Emerging Leaders are appointed to a one-year term. They may apply for subsequent terms.
- Set 16 – 24 age range. Volunteers may complete their term if they age out during the term.

To successfully recruit and support Emerging Leaders, the City Manager should also explore how to leverage existing partnerships and resources to support these positions. For example, the Mayor's Youth Commission might arrange Emerging Leader Cohort events and activities and CBC Chairs or Leadership teams could act as mentors to Emerging Leader volunteers. Existing CBC coordination efforts could include creation of youth-focused recruitment tools and strategies to reach 16 – 24-year-olds, and review of onboarding process to welcome Emerging Leaders to the role.

DESIRED DATE: First reading September 30, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):
Council Member Rumbaugh attended a Mayor's Youth Commission leadership team meeting to discuss this proposal. The initial proposal as well as updates that incorporated community feedback were shared with staff and volunteers from the eight impacted CBCs. Two listening sessions were scheduled for CBC members on Monday, June 23 over the lunch hour and Wednesday, June 25 in the evening. The proposal will be shared at the Aug. 11 TAC meeting, with the request for a recommendation from TAC at their Sept. 8 meeting. The proposal was brought to CVS on July 24, and CVS unanimously recommended it move forward to the full Council for consideration.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:
Equity and Accessibility:
While the majority of Tacoma residents are white, younger populations in Tacoma are more diverse. According to OSPI data, Approximately 64% of Tacoma School District's enrolled students are BIPOC or two or more races.

Education: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.
Increase the number of college students that find employment and remain in Tacoma after post-secondary completion.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity
Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.
Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?
Engagement of the Youth Demographic has been historically challenging for all CBCs. Enhancing youth participation in advisory CBCs will incorporate more voices into the City Council's decision

making, reduce barriers to youth participation, and provide professional and educational opportunities to Tacoma's youth. Identifying the goal of professional and leadership development, and assisting Emerging Leaders in building local connections to Tacoma leaders will youth grow their professions within Tacoma. Engaging youth early in life will instill values of community service and increase civic engagement.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1. All Emerging Leaders be recruited on the same timeline	Create a cohort that can support each other and offer shared learning	Potentially "other" Emerging Leaders from other CBC members, increase administrative costs, recruit Emerging Leaders outside of key timelines for committee work
2. 16-18 year old age range	Prioritize younger engagement, provide opportunities to high school students who may be less competitive against older youth	This narrow age range makes it difficult to recruit and retain youth for CBC positions
3. Alternative name for Emerging Leader, such as "Youth and Young Adult", or "Youth Leader Seat"	Provides clarity on age range by incorporating the word "youth"	A less appealing name that does not support enhanced recruitment, resume building, or highlight the professional development goals of the position

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:
The City Manager should report back on how the Emerging Leader seats were implemented and provide an update on recruitment, onboarding, and peer support efforts to enhance participation with CBC Emerging Leader Seats.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:
Sponsors recommend the City Council adopt this policy proposal to align youth seats into the CBC Emerging Leader Seat policy to engage youth and young adults early in life to encourage life-long community service, create opportunities for youth professional development and leadership opportunities, and value youth-specific feedback in City Council policy development.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This policy would require staff support and coordination from various City staff who support CBC recruitment and onboarding. Impacts associated with CBC Emerging Lead Seats will be incorporated into ongoing workload within staff's standard working hours.

If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Lynda Foster at 253.591.5166 or lfoster@Tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: Sarah Rumbaugh
Council Member Rumbaugh

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1. S. Sadalge **POS#____4_____**

2. _____ **POS#____7_____**

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
August 12, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD) Code Update Public Hearing Prep	Planning and Development - Maryam Moeinian, Stephen Atkinson, Dana Delon, Glen George, Erin Dilworth, Tacoma Pierce County Staff - Esther Beaumier	The purpose of this presentation is to prepare for the public hearing on the STGPD code update and share the Planning Commission's recommendations.
		Tideflats Subarea Planning - Planning Commissions Findings of Fact and Recommendation	Planning and Development Services - Principal Planner Stephen Atkinson	This meeting is intended to be an introduction to the City Council on the Planning Commission's proposed amendments to the Tideflats Steering Committee Draft Subarea Plan, the Draft Planned Action Ordinance (RCW 43.21c.440), and proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 13.06 Zoning and Title 19 Shoreline Master Program.
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
August 19, 2025	Joint City Council / Tacoma Utility Boards Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	South Tacoma Ground Water Protection District (STGPD) Code Update Public Hearing Debrief	Planning and Development - Maryam Moeinian, Stephen Atkinson, Dana Delon, Glen George, Erin Dilworth, Tacoma Pierce County Staff - Esther Beaumier	The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a public hearing debrief for the City Council as part of the process to adopt the draft STGPD code.
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
August 26, 2025	Joint City Council / Library Board of Trustees Joint Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Tacoma Public Library Informational Briefing	Library Staff - Kendra Jones, Lyndea Kelleher	Staff from the Tacoma Public Library will provide an informational briefing
		Budget Update	Finance - Andy Cherullo	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
September 2, 2025	***Cancelled**			

Community Vitality and Safety Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Rumbaugh, (Vice Chair) CM Walker, CM Sadalge, and CM Scott Alternate: CM Diaz Executive Liaison: Vicky McLaurin; Coordinator: Arsenio Roddy-Little		2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	**CBC Assignments** • Commission on Disabilities • Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs • Community's Police Advisory Committee • Housing Authority • Human Rights Commission • Human Services Commission • Public Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
August 14, 2025	Building Resilience Against Youth Violence and Exploitation Funding Recommendation	Sarah Bridgeford, Principal Community Resource Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services Erin Watlington, Community Resources Analyst, Senior	Report out on competitive funding process
August 28, 2025	Rental Housing Code and Landlord Fairness Code Initiative Update	Felicia Medlen, Division Manager, Community & Economic Development, Chi'Quata Elder, Equity Programs Consultant, Senior	Report out on partners we have met with regarding tenant, rental, fair housing, and new state code.
	Inclement Weather Briefing	Caleb Carbone, Principal Community Resource Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services	Informational briefing on the City's approach to inclement weather, and our alignment to Pierce County.
September 11, 2025	Remann Hall Informational Briefing	Kevin Williams, Juvenile Assistant Administrator - Probation, Pierce County	This informational briefing is to inform city leadership about the contracted work for the City of Tacoma and how that fits into the broader portfolio of work at Remann Hall.
	Human Services Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	Interviews to fill vacancies on the Human Services Commission.

	Economic Development Committee		
Committee Members (Chair) DM Daniels, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Bushnell, and CM Scott Alternate: CM Rumbaugh; Executive Liaison: Tanja Carter; Coordinator: Anna Le	2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248	**CBC Assignments** • City Events and Recognition Committee • Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee • Convention Center Public Facilities District • Tacoma Arts Commission • Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
August 12, 2025	Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill eight seats on the Advisory Committee with terms to begin September 1, 2025.
	Green Economic Development Strategy Update	Paul Bakker, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development	Staff will provide an update on the Green Economic Development Strategy's second year of implementation, originally adopted by the Council on June 13, 2023.
August 26, 2025	Community Reinvestment Project Outcomes	Dierdre Patterson, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development	This presentation will provide an update on the outcomes of the $4.65 million Community Reinvestment Project (CRP) funding, focusing on the impact of business loans and grants in supporting local entrepreneurs and promoting economic equity. Staff will also share key metrics, success stories, and lessons learned.
	Fred Meyer Site Transition – Background and City Role	Tanja Carter, Director; Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Debbie Bingham, Business and Economic Development Manager, Community and Economic Development	This presentation will provide an overview of the upcoming closure of the Fred Meyer store at 7250 Pacific Avenue and the broader context of parent company Kroger's national downsizing. Staff will share background on the site, outline the City's role in supporting future redevelopment despite private ownership, and discuss potential next steps for engagement and coordination.

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Hines, (Vice Chair) CM Bushnell, DM Daniels, and CM Rumbaugh Alternate: CM Walker Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator: Chantra Real		1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248	**CBC Assignments** • Audit Advisory Board • Board of Ethics • Civil Service Board • Public Utility Board
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
September 2, 2025	To be determined		
September 16, 2025	To be determined		

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Walker, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Hines, and CM Sadalge Alternate: CM Bushnell Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez; Coordinator: Anna Le		2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	**CBC Assignments** • Board of Building Appeals • Climate and Sustainability Commission • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Planning Commission • Transportation Commission • Urban Design Board
Date	**Topic**	**Presenter(s)**	**Description**
August 13, 2025	Transportation Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	The Committee will conduct interviews to fill three seats on the Commission for terms to begin September 1, 2025.
August 27, 2025	Transportation Impact Fees Update	Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Division Manager; Public Works; Kendra Breiland, Principal Planner, Fehr & Peers	Staff and consultant will provide a presentation on Transportation Impact Fees, including updates resulting from feedback received at the June 11, 2025, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting.
	System Development Charges	Hayley Falk, Business Services Manager; Nathan Crain, Business Services Analyst, Environmental Services	Staff from Environmental Services will present on the proposed implementation of System Development Charges related to stormwater and wastewater.