



RESOLUTION NO. 41959

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PALMER, RUMBAUGH, AND SCOTT

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of \$10,000,
3 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to sponsor Beyond the Block.

4 WHEREAS Beyond the Block (“Program”) is a new program that aims to help
5 keep young people safe, engaged, and having fun during the summer by offering
6 culturally informed programming at free drop-in events for young people between
7 the ages of 11 and 16 in collaboration with Our Sisters’ House, Sahale Outdoors,
8 and Push for Dreams, and
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10 WHEREAS the Program will be held at the Bryant Neighborhood Center,
11 which is an inclusive, neighbor-focused, non-profit community hub that welcomes
12 everyone, and is located on the corner of 6th Avenue and South Grant Avenue
13 within the Bryant Neighborhood in the City’s Hilltop Neighborhood, and
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15 WHEREAS events will take place every Wednesday and Friday from
16 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through July, and possibly into August, helping to make safe
17 evening programming that is culturally informed accessible for all the young people
18 in one of the City’s low opportunity areas, and
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20 WHEREAS each session of the Program features different themes to help
21 participants gain valuable life skills and support, including team building games,
22 social media safety training, and discussion on topics such as conflict resolution,
23 sportsmanship, public speaking, mental health, stress management, and self-
24 esteem, and participants will also receive a free meal and snacks, and
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1 WHEREAS the City's sponsorship of the Program would help ensure
2 sufficient staffing for all sessions, meals and snacks for participants, program
3 supplies, and location costs at Bryant Neighborhood Center, and
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5 WHEREAS the Program will feature the City's logo on promotional and
6 programming materials and City Council Members are invited to attend sessions as
7 interested, and

8 WHEREAS the City's funding for the Program is also vital for advancing the
9 City's Community Safety goals outlined in Tacoma 2035, helping to address food
10 insecurity in low opportunity areas, and preventing youth violence by providing safe
11 and engaging spaces for young people during evening summer hours, and
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13 WHEREAS in addition, Our Sisters' House, Sahale Outdoors, and Push for
14 Dreams strive to provide equitable opportunities designed to support and empower
15 diverse and marginalized youth, and
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17 WHEREAS, at the July 7, 2026, Study Session, Council Member Palmer
18 shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of \$10,000
19 from the Council Contingency Fund to sponsor Beyond the Block, and
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21 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,
22 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and
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24 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the
25 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of
26 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
adopting the budget, and



1 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less
2 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,
3 Therefore,

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

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

8 Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from
9 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting
10 Beyond the Block.
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12 Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
13 confirm deliverables with Our Sisters' House for the purposes hereinabove
14 enumerated, and document as appropriate.
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16 Adopted _____
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19 Mayor

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23 City Clerk

24 Approved as to form:
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Deputy City Attorney