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**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Title Clearing Action – Pugnetti Park Property - June 23, 2026  
**DATE:** June 1, 2026

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution authorizing the execution of a quitclaim deed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) in order to clear title issues concerning a right-of-way within Pugnetti Park.

**BACKGROUND:**

**This Department’s Recommendation is Based On:**

As part of the construction of Interstate 705 (I-705) (a.k.a. “Tacoma Spur”), certain parceled properties and City rights-of-way were acquired by WSDOT as limited access as documented in the WSDOT Tacoma Spur Limited Access plans dated June 20, 1980. In 1987, after the Tacoma Spur was constructed, certain areas within the limited access corridor were utilized by WSDOT for a public park known as Pugnetti Park located in the northeast corner of Pacific Avenue and South 21st Street. WSDOT is in the process of surplus or leasing the property comprising Pugnetti Park to the Washington State Historical Society (WSHS) to be maintained as a public park by WSHS. The City has been asked to clear any of its interest in the site as a title clearing matter.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

The proposed action will enable WSDOT to convey the property to WSHS who has agreed to maintain Pugnetti Park for the continued use and enjoyment as a public park for the benefit of city of Tacoma residents and visitors. WSDOT is currently undertaking restoration efforts at Pugnetti Park in preparation to surplus or lease the site to WSHS.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

Ongoing maintenance of this area provides continued use of features and attractions to areas of the city that score moderate to very low on the 2025 Equity Index.

**Livability: Equity Index Score:** High Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

Ongoing maintenance of this area provides continued use features and attractions to an area of the city that scores moderate to very low on the 2025 Equity Index. WSDOT will be able to surplus and or lease the property to WSHS as a public park. WSHS is directly adjacent to Pugnetti Park and has a vested interest in the maintenance and beautification thereof and has agreed to maintain the site as a public park once it has control of the site.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
Do not approve	Not applicable	Property ownership discrepancies, which may lead to delayed surplus or leasing of the site which will delay future maintenance of the site and park deterioration.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Clearing the title issue will ensure that WSDOT is able to move forward with conveyance of Pugnetti Park to the WSHS.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends execution of the title clearing document so that WSDOT can move forward with plans for the park space and conveyance to WSHS.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

NONE

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?**

**NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW**

The City does not maintain or operate the site.

**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:**

- Quit Claim Deed D-7617