



Legislation Passed June 18, 2024

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of June 18, 2024, adopted the following resolutions and/or ordinances. The summary of the contents of said resolutions and/or ordinances are shown below. To view the full text of the document, click on the bookmark at the left of the page.

Resolution No. 41450

A resolution awarding a contract to Consor North America, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to design an interconnected intelligent transportation system network across the Tacoma Tideflats and Port of Tacoma area - Specification No. PW23-0175F.

[Charla Kinlow, PMP, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

Resolution No. 41451

A resolution authorizing an increase and extending the contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$445,001, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,286,934, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design and construction support for the South Tacoma Pump Station Phase 2 Rehabilitation Project, through December 31, 2025 - Architectural and Engineering Roster Contract No. CW2248653.

[Lance Bunch, P.E., Principal Civil Engineer; Michael P. Slevin III, Director, Environmental Services]

Resolution No. 41452

A resolution setting Tuesday, July 2, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41453

A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission.

[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41454

A resolution transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, which reads:

CITY OF TACOMA

PROPOSITION NO. 1

PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE, LEVY LID LIFT

The City of Tacoma adopted Resolution No. 41454 concerning lifting the property tax levy for the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD).

This measure enhances TFD facilities, fleet, and staffing to improve response capacity and firefighter safety by increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.65/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$2.52/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2025; authorizing an annual increase up to 6% for 2026-2030 for the additional rate; authorizing the 2030 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors, veterans and others would be exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

Should this proposition be:

Approved..... []

Rejected..... []

[Teresa Green, Senior Business Services Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]



RESOLUTION NO. 41450

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment, and
2 the furnishing of services; authorizing the execution of a contract with
3 Consor North America, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable
4 taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to design an
5 interconnected intelligent transportation system network across the Tacoma
6 Tideflats and Port of Tacoma area, pursuant to Specification No. PW23-
7 0175F.

8 WHEREAS the City has complied with all applicable laws and processes
9 governing the acquisition of those supplies, and/or the procurement of those
10 services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached Exhibit "A,"
11 incorporated herein as though fully set forth, and

12 WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards has concurred with the
13 recommendation for award as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

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

15 Section 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma concurs with the Board of
16 Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set forth in the
17 attached Exhibit "A."
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Consor North America, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Transportation Capital Fund, to design an interconnected intelligent transportation system network across the Tacoma Tideflats and Port of Tacoma area, pursuant to Specification No. PW23-0175F, consistent with Exhibit "A."

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41451

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment, and
2 the furnishing of services; authorizing an increase and extending the contract
3 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$445,001, plus applicable
4 taxes, for a cumulative total of \$1,286,934, budgeted from the Wastewater
5 Fund, for additional engineering design and construction support for the
6 South Tacoma Pump Station Phase 2 Rehabilitation Project, through
7 December 31, 2025, pursuant to Architectural and Engineering Roster
8 Contract No. CW2248653.

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11 services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached Exhibit "A,"
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17 Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set forth in the
18 attached Exhibit "A."

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20 increase and extend Contract No. CW2248653 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the
21 amount of \$445,001, plus applicable taxes, for a cumulative contract total of
22 \$1,286,934, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design
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and construction support for the South Tacoma Pump Station Phase 2
Rehabilitation Project, pursuant to Architectural and Engineering Roster Contract
No. CW2248653, through December 31, 2025, consistent with Exhibit "A."

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41452

1 A RESOLUTION setting Tuesday, July 2, 2024, upon completion of Regular
2 Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by
3 the City Council on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

4 WHEREAS Section 2.25 of the City Charter ("Charter") states that once
5 every ten years the City Council shall review the Charter by appointing residents
6 to a Charter Review Committee ("Committee") to commence a comprehensive
7 review of the Charter and make recommendations for changes as it deems
8 necessary and proper to improve the mode and manner of operation and
9 efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City, and

10 WHEREAS the last review of the Charter was conducted in 2014, and

11 WHEREAS on December 19, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution
12 No. 41324, which appointed 15 members to the Committee, which met from
13 January to May 2024, and

14 WHEREAS since reviewing the Committee's final recommendations, the
15 City Council has met multiple times to review and discuss amendments to the
16 City Charter, and

17 WHEREAS at a future meeting, the City Council may consider resolutions
18 to place proposed City Charter amendments on the ballot for the Tuesday,
19 November 5, 2024, General Election, and

20 WHEREAS ballot titles are due to the Pierce County Auditor by Tuesday,
21 August 6, 2024, to be placed on the General Election ballot, and

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WHEREAS the City desires to fix a time and date for public hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony regarding the proposed amendments to the City Charter; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That Tuesday, July 2, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., is hereby fixed as the time, and the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, and may be offered in a hybrid format that includes a remote option, as the place when and where a public hearing shall be held on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

Section 2. That the City Clerk shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41453

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR HINES, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BUSHNELL, DIAZ, AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; appointing and
4 reappointing individuals to the Planning Commission.

5 WHEREAS vacancies exist on the Planning Commission, and

6 WHEREAS, at its meeting of May 22, 2024, the Infrastructure, Planning,
7 and Sustainability Committee conducted interviews and recommended the
8 appointment and reappointment of individuals to said commission, and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.4, the persons named on
10 Exhibit "A" have been nominated to serve on the Planning Commission; Now,
11 Therefore,

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

13 That those nominees to the Planning Commission, listed on Exhibit "A", are
14 hereby confirmed and appointed or reappointed as members of such commission
15 for such terms as are set forth on the attached Exhibit "A."

16 Adopted _____

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Mayor

20 Attest:
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22 City Clerk

23 Approved as to form:
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25 City Attorney

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EXHIBIT "A"

1 **PLANNING COMMISSION**

2 Appointing **Payton Swinford** to the "District No. 3" position to a three-year term,
3 effective July 1, 2024, to expire June 30, 2027.

4 Reappointing **Morgan Dorner** to the "District No. 2" position to a three-year term,
5 effective July 1, 2024, to expire June 30, 2027.

6 Reappointing **Robb Krehbiel** to the "District No. 5" position to a three-year term,
7 effective July 1, 2024, to expire June 30, 2027.

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RESOLUTION NO. 41454

1 A RESOLUTION relating to property taxes; providing for the submission of a
2 proposition to the electors of the City at the General Election to be held on
3 Tuesday, November 5, 2024, that would authorize an increase in the City
4 of Tacoma property for a maximum tax levy rate of \$2.52 per \$1,000 of
5 assessed value for collection in 2025, and authorize a multi-year lid lift
6 increase in the levy for future years; and directing the City Clerk to transmit
7 to the Pierce County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution.

8 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Washington (“City”), is a first-class
9 charter city, and

10 WHEREAS as the community grows and changes, the operations of the
11 Tacoma Fire Department (“TFD”) continue to grow and change along with it to
12 ensure the department continues to meet the needs of the community, and

13 WHEREAS from 2016 to 2021, requests for TFD services increased by
14 10 percent, and the services offered by TFD have expanded, adding Basic Life
15 Support transport and alternative response programs to address mental health and
16 substance abuse issues in the community, and

17 WHEREAS with the combination of these new programs and the growing
18 need for services with the existing state of TFD’s assets – many of which are
19 nearing or beyond the end of their useful life – new resources and additional
20 personnel are needed to update TFD’s capabilities to continue, and improve,
21 response to the evolving needs of the community, and

22 WHEREAS the City’s fire stations are an average of 69 years old, with
23 85 percent of the facilities rated as poor or in critical condition, and many need
24 critical seismic, operational, and safety upgrades, and

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WHEREAS more than 60 percent of TFD’s fleet exceeds or is at its recommended replacement age, with several apparatus failing to meet the safety and reliability standards expected of these life preserving assets, and

WHEREAS the proposed levy is projected to fund over \$80 million in facilities investments in the first 10 years, including upgrading and replacing existing fire facilities to help address call volume issues and response times citywide, and

WHEREAS this levy would also create ongoing fleet replacement and equipment funding to allow for regular engine, ladder, and other apparatus/vehicle replacements, and there is currently no ongoing funding for apparatus replacement or equipment replacement such as self-contained breathing apparatus and life-saving extrication tools, and

WHEREAS these funds would also support some existing TFD expenses related to equipment, external contracts and operating supplies, staff in building maintenance, fleet maintenance, IT support, prevention, and Firefighter positions added during the 2023-2024 Budget Modification, and

WHEREAS pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the City may ask voters for permission to increase the amount of the property taxes above the 1 percent limit that would otherwise apply, by means of permanent “levy lid lift,” and

WHEREAS with voter approval, the City would increase a permanent regular property tax levy in an amount equal to \$0.65 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value in 2025 and increase the levy each year for the next 5 years, by up to 6 percent to maintain that rate, and



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WHEREAS the maximum levy rate for 2025 would be \$2.52 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value, and

WHEREAS the dollar amount of the levy in 2030 will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations of subsequent levies, and

WHEREAS the City Council deems it necessary to submit to the voters of the City a proposition of whether or not the City shall increase the amount of regular property taxes for collection beginning in 2025 in excess of the limit factor and allow for increases for the next five years, as provided for in RCW 84.55.050(2), and

WHEREAS staff estimates an average household impact of the levy to be \$25 per month for the average home in the City (valued at \$450,000), and

WHEREAS City Council approval is needed to allow the City to submit a proposition for the November 5, 2024, ballot for the levy lid lift, and to approve the ballot language; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Pierce County Auditor’s Office (“Auditor”), as *ex officio* supervisor of elections for Pierce County, is requested to call and conduct an general election on November 5, 2024, and submit to the qualified electorate of the City, at the November 5, 2024, General Election, for rejection or approval, a proposition authorizing the City to increase the property tax levy to a maximum rate of \$2.52 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for collection in 2025, as permitted by law, and to increase the additional levy annually thereafter by 6 percent each year for 5 more years thereafter (e.g., use a limit factor of 106 percent), and use



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the 2030 levy amount as the base for calculating subsequent levies, as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW, as may be amended from time to time.

The taxes authorized by this proposition will be in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes the City would have been limited to by RCW 84.55.010, as may be amended from time to time, in the absence of voter approval under this resolution, including all other authorized lid lifts.

Section 2. If the ballot proposition set forth herein is approved by the voters, qualifying senior citizens, disabled veterans, and other qualifying individuals shall be exempt from the tax increase resulting from such levy lid lift, as authorized by RCW 84.36.381.

Section 3. That the City shall submit a proposition to the electorate of the City in the form substantially as follows:

CITY OF TACOMA
PROPOSITION NO. 1
PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE, LEVY LID LIFT

The City of Tacoma adopted Resolution No. 41454 concerning lifting the property tax levy for the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD).

This measure enhances TFD facilities, fleet, and staffing to improve response capacity and firefighter safety by increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.65/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$2.52/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2025; authorizing an annual increase up to 6% for 2026-2030 for the additional rate; authorizing the 2030 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors, veterans and others would be exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

Should this proposition be:

Approved..... []

Rejected..... []



1 Section 4. That the ballot title may be changed as needed by the proper
2 officers of the City, pursuant to state law.

3 Section 5. That prior to August 6, 2024, the City Clerk shall send to the
4 Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, a certified copy of this resolution,
5 together with the proposition substantially in the form as set forth above, for the
6 November 5, 2024, General Election. The proper City officials are authorized to
7 perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the question of
8 whether the regular property tax levy shall be increased, as provided in this
9 resolution, to the electors at the November 5, 2024, General Election.

10 Section 6. That the City has chosen to participate jointly with Pierce County
11 in its voters' pamphlet. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32.220, the text for the ballot
12 measure, accompanied by an explanatory statement, shall be submitted to the
13 Auditor's Office for inclusion in the Official Voters' Pamphlet. The explanatory
14 statement shall not exceed 200 words and shall be submitted to the Auditor, as *ex*
15 *officio* supervisor of elections, by August 6, 2024.

17 Section 8. That, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, if a simple majority of the
18 qualified voters voting on the proposition vote for the approval thereof, the
19 proposition shall be deemed approved and shall be adopted. Thereafter the City
20 Council shall have the necessary and requisite authority to levy, in the manner
21 provided by law, a regular property tax levy to increase the new additional levy
22 of \$0.65 per \$1,000.00 annually beginning in 2025 to a maximum rate of \$2.52
23 per \$1,000.00 and increase thereafter by 6 percent each year for 5 more years
24 thereafter (e.g., use a limit factor of 106 percent), and use the 2030 levy amount
25 as the base for calculating subsequent levies, as allowed by Chapter 84.55
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RCW, as may be amended from time to time, as provided in the proposition and herein.

If less than a simple majority of qualified voters approve the proposition, then it shall be deemed rejected and the City Council shall not increase the regular property tax levy above the limits set forth in RCW 84.55 as provided in the proposition and herein.

Section 9. That if a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney