Legislation Passed August 8, 2017

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of August 8, 2017, 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.

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**Resolution No. 39774**

A resolution designating the City of Brovary, Ukraine, as a Sister City.
[Debbie Bingham, Economic Development Specialist; Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**Resolution No. 39775**

A resolution designating the Steele-Fuller Residence, located at 2312 North 29th Street, and the Beals Residence, located at 2804-2806 McCarver Street, as City Landmarks and placing said properties on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**Resolution No. 39776**

A resolution authorizing the use of up to $25,000 from the City Council Contingency Funds, for developing a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy to identify appropriate retail and restaurant uses; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for a third-party consultant outlining the scope of work and deliverables.
[Council Members Campbell, McCarthy, and Mello]

**Ordinance No. 28446**

An ordinance amending Title 10 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Public Works” by adding a new Chapter 10.29, entitled “Complete Streets”, providing for Complete Streets Design Guidelines to ensure transportation improvements are planned, designed, and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use.
[Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]
RESOLUTION NO. 39774

A RESOLUTION related to economic development; designating the City of Brovary, Ukraine as a Sister City.

WHEREAS the City of Tacoma has been involved in the Sister City Program for over 55 years, and

WHEREAS the program’s mission is to promote global community through citizen diplomacy, cultural education, and economic development, and

WHEREAS the City of Brovary, Ukraine, expressed interest in developing a sister city relationship with Tacoma, and

WHEREAS Brovary shares many similarities with Tacoma, including a diverse population with many ethnic backgrounds; a geographical location with access to natural resources such as parks, mixed forests, and the Dniper River; access to main national and international highways and railroads; and close proximity to a major metropolitan area, and

WHEREAS Brovary is home to a railway station, broadcasting center, a large Coca Cola Company plant, and various industries and factories such as knitting, woodworking, machine tools, and plastic materials, and

WHEREAS a Tacoma-Brovary Sister City Committee, headed by Pastor Peter Sayenko of the Slavic Christian Center, was formed to explore establishment of a sister city relationship between the two cities, and

WHEREAS the opportunity is present for this sister city relationship to increase economic development, promote cultural exchanges, promote ancestral tourism, and enhance educational opportunities for both cities, and

WHEREAS this relationship is supported by the Tacoma Sister Cities Council and the Economic Development Committee; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby designates the City of Brovary, Ukraine, as a Sister City of the City of Tacoma.

Section 2. That, by this designation, the City indicates its intention to participate to the fullest extent possible with Brovary, Ukraine, in carrying out the Sister City Program in accordance with the understandings, customs, and practices of said program.

Adopted __________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 39775

A RESOLUTION relating to historic preservation; adding the proposed landmarks to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and imposing controls for the following properties: Steele-Fuller Residence, located at 2312 North 29th Street; and the Beals Residence, located at 2804-2806 McCarver Street; said landmarks designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission under Chapter 13.07 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

WHEREAS the Tacoma Landmarks and Historic Districts Code, Chapter 13.07 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), establishes a procedure for the designation and preservation of structures and areas having historical, cultural, architectural, archaeological, engineering, or geographic importance, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.07.050, the nominations of the Steele-Fuller Residence, located at 2312 North 29th Street, and the Beals Residence, located at 2804-2806 McCarver Street ("Properties"), were submitted by their respective property owners for inclusion on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, along with the requisite application materials, and

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("Commission") reviewed these requests on May 24, 2017, and held a public hearing on June 28, 2017, to receive public comment on the historic significance of the Properties, and

WHEREAS, according to TMC 13.07.040, the Commission found that the Properties meet the eligibility requirements for listing on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, based upon said findings, the City Council believes that it would be in the best interest of the City to designate the Properties described below as
historic landmarks and place them on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. Designation. That, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13.07 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), the City Council of Tacoma approves the designation of the following Property as a historic landmark and places said property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places:

(1) **Steele-Fuller Residence.**

More particularly described as: 2312 North 29th Street, Tacoma, WA 98403

Parcel No.: 8910001320

Legal Description:

The West 20 feet of Lot 3 and the East 4 feet of Lot 4, Block 18 of Map of City of Tacoma, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 1 of Plats at page 10, records of Pierce County, Washington.

Situate in the County of Pierce, State of Washington;

based upon satisfaction of the following standards of TMC 13.07.040, that the Property:

A. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; and

E. Is part of, adjacent to, or related to an existing or proposed historic district, square, park, or other distinctive area which should be redeveloped or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif.
Beals Residence.

More particularly described as: 2804-2806 McCarver Street, Tacoma, WA 98403

Parcel No.: 8910001552

Legal Description:

The South 70 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 19, Map of Tacoma City, According to the Plat recorded in Volume 1 of Plats, at page 10, Records of Pierce County Auditor;

Situate in the County of Pierce, State of Washington;

based upon satisfaction of the following standards of TMC 13.07.040, that the Property:

A. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; and

E. Is part of, adjacent to, or related to an existing or proposed historic district, square, park, or other distinctive area which should be redeveloped or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif.

Section 2. Controls. A Certificate of Approval must be obtained from the Landmarks Preservation Commission pursuant to TMC 13.05.047 et seq., or the time for denying an application for a Certificate of Approval must have expired before the owners may make alterations or changes to the Property:

1. Steele-Fuller Residence: Changes to exterior of the principal structure on the site, but excluding any changes to the surrounding landscaping or site.
2. Beals Residence: Changes to exterior of the principal structure on the site, but excluding any changes to the surrounding landscaping or site

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form: Legal Description Approved:

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Deputy City Attorney

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Chief Surveyor

Public Works Department
RESOLUTION NO. 39776

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL, McCARTHY, AND MELLO

A RESOLUTION authorizing the use of up to $25,000 of City Council Contingency Funds for the purpose of developing a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy to identify appropriate retail and restaurant uses; and directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement for a third-party consultant, outlining the scope of work and deliverables.

WHEREAS, over the last year, the City has seen unprecedented growth of housing and an increase of restaurants choosing to expand and relocate to Tacoma, and

WHEREAS, with more than 2,000 residential units set to break ground in the next 18 months, the City must better position itself to attract the amenities necessary to accommodate additional residents, create a vibrant 18-hour community, and attract tenants for office space, and

WHEREAS, in order to increase the City’s retail mix, an updated, focused Downtown retail study and enhancement strategy is necessary, and

WHEREAS a third-party consultant will help City staff better understand the appropriate retail mix to make downtown Tacoma more vibrant, and would provide methodology and training to staff for recruiting appropriate businesses, and

WHEREAS the proposed retail enhancement strategy will focus on three primary areas:

(1) Location – Identify the most appropriate location to establish a focus zone, i.e., a “retail/restaurant cluster zone” similar to what UWT has created along Pacific Avenue between 17th and 21st Streets. Once the zone is established, the
same process may be used in other areas of downtown and across Neighborhood Business Districts;

(2) Appropriate Retailers and Restaurants – Identify and recruit an appropriate mix of retailers and restaurants to create a vibrant, vital commercial district; and

(3) Recruit Retailers and Restaurants – Train City staff to recruit select types of retailers and restaurants to the area, as well as work with private property owners to execute leases, and

WHEREAS the work and full enhancement strategy are anticipated to be completed by December 2017 at a cost of up to $50,000; Council Contingency Funds would provide up to $25,000 of the necessary funding, with the remainder of the funding to be provided by the Community and Economic Development Department, and

WHEREAS, at the July 18, 2017, Study Session, Council Member Mello shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of up to $25,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund for development of a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy, and

WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services, outlining the scope of work and deliverables, and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of up to $25,000, budgeted from the City Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of hiring a third-party consultant to develop a Downtown retail enhancement study and recruitment strategy to identify appropriate retail and restaurant uses in the City of Tacoma.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement for a third-party consultant, outlining the scope of work and deliverables for the services described in Section 1.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney
ORDINANCE NO. 28446

AN ORDINANCE relating to Tacoma’s Complete Streets Design Guidelines, identifying guiding principles and practices so that transportation improvements are planned, designed, and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users of the City’s transportation network; and amending Title 10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code by the addition thereto of a new Chapter 10.29, entitled “Complete Streets,” consisting of four sections.

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 37916: “A Resolution relating to the City’s street design; endorsing the creation and ongoing development of Tacoma’s Complete Streets Design Guidelines; and directing the City Manager to implement the Mixed-use Centers Complete Streets Design Guidelines and the Residential Complete Streets Design Guidelines,” and

WHEREAS Tacoma’s Transportation Master Plan identifies a vision for a multimodal transportation system, offering travel options that provide safe access for all users, and encouraging healthy living, and

WHEREAS Tacomans identified increased transportation options as a community priority in Tacoma 2025, and

WHEREAS Tacoma is expected to grow by 127,000 residents and 97,000 jobs by 2040, and

WHEREAS Complete Streets will create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation system to serve the growing population, and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions and agencies nationwide have adopted Complete Streets legislation, including the U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Transportation, and Pierce County, and
WHEREAS transportation improvements include an array of facilities and amenities such as sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, traffic calming measures, and street and pedestrian lighting; targeted pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; access improvements for freight; access improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; public transit facilities accommodations including, but not limited to, pedestrian access improvements to transit stops and stations; street trees and landscaping; green infrastructure; and street furniture, and

WHEREAS the Public Works Department will design, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and freight consistent with, and supportive of, the community’s needs, and

WHEREAS Complete Streets will balance access, mobility, health and safety needs of all users, which include pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities, as well as buses, high-capacity transit, and commercial and private motorized vehicles, and

WHEREAS the City’s Transportation Master Plan calls for tracking of performance standards that will continuously evaluate the Complete Streets Policy for success and opportunities for improvement; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The recitals and findings set forth above are hereby adopted as the City Council’s legislative findings.
Section 2. That there is hereby enacted a new Chapter 10.29 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, entitled “Complete Streets,” as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 3. Implementation. Implementation of the Complete Streets Policy will include the following:

1. Incorporate policy into the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Modify the Rights-of-Way Manual and other guiding documents in accordance with this policy.

3. Participate in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Mayor's Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets.

4. Pursue the highest certification level of Walk Friendly Community and Bicycle Friendly Community.

5. Continue engagement in the Safe Routes to School program.

6. Identify gaps in the active transportation network, and work to fill those gaps.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.
Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective ten days after its publication.

Passed ______________________

Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney
Chapter 10.29
COMPLETE STREETS

Sections:
10.29.010 Short Title.
10.29.020 Purpose – Objectives.
10.29.030 Applicability.
10.29.040 Exceptions.

10.29.010 Short Title. This Chapter may be referenced as the “Complete Streets Code.”

10.29.020 Purpose – Objectives. The purpose of this Chapter is to provide guiding principles and practices so that transportation improvements are planned, designed, and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users of the City’s transportation network. The Public Works Department (“Department”) will prioritize the safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, people of all ages and abilities, motorists, emergency responders, freight providers, and adjacent land users. The goals and policies of this Chapter 10.29 and as incorporated into the Transportation Element of the City of Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, are hereby designated as the Tacoma Complete Streets Policy ("Complete Streets").

10.29.030 Applicability. The Department should approach publicly funded transportation improvements as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible streets for all users.

A. Scope. Public works projects within City-owned transportation facilities in the public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, streets, bridges, and all other connecting pathways, should be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained, when appropriate and feasible, so that users of all ages and abilities can travel safely and independently.

B. Network and Connectivity. The Department will continue to foster partnerships with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Pierce County, neighboring cities and communities, business and school districts, and utility companies to encourage development of facilities that further the City’s Complete Streets Policy and continue such infrastructure within and beyond the City’s borders. The City recognizes the need to create a comprehensive, integrated, and connected network for all modes and encourages street connectivity.

C. Complete Streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. It is the City’s intent that all transportation projects implement Complete Streets.

D. Design. The Department will continue to follow accepted or adopted design standards and use the best and latest design standards available, including, but not limited to, existing design guidance from the American Association of State Highway Officials, Washington State Department of Transportation, Institute of Transportation Engineers, National Association of City Transportation Officials, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines.

E. Context Sensitivity. The Department will implement Complete Streets solutions in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and character, aligns transportation and land use goals, and recognizes that the needs of users may vary by case, community, or corridor.

10.29.040 Exceptions.

A. An affected roadway prohibits, by law, use by specified users (e.g., interstate highways or pedestrian malls);

B. The costs of providing the accommodation are excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use;

C. Repair and maintenance of the transportation network does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping and spot repair (in which case existing bicycle and pedestrian traffic must be safely accommodated during maintenance); or

D. Other available means or factors indicate an absence of need, including future need.