



Legislation Passed May 3, 2016

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of May 3, 2016, 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. 39431

A resolution awarding a contract to Western Peterbilt, LLC, in the amount of \$1,088,460, plus sales tax, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for four compressed natural gas rear loader trucks, for an initial period of one-year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total of \$2,047,286 - Specification No. ES15-0692F.

[Gary Kato, Solid Waste Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

Resolution No. 39432

A resolution awarding a contract to Miles Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$1,391,679.25, excluding sales tax, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,600,431.14, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the restoration of approximately 22 blocks of residential streets in the Fern Hill area, including sanitary sewer spot repairs and a new storm sewer extension - Specification No. PW16-0112F.

[Chris E. Larson, P.E., Engineering Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

Resolution No. 39433

A resolution awarding a contract to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$350,000, plus sales tax, budgeted from various departmental funds, for electrical products on an as-needed basis through March 31, 2017, with the option to renew for one additional year - U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance Contract No. MA-IS-1340234.

[Dawn Leischner, Purchasing Financial Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

Resolution No. 39434

A resolution awarding a contract to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000, plus sales tax, budgeted from various departmental funds, for telecommunication supplies on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2017, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods - U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance Contract No. MA-IS-1540125.

[Dawn Leischner, Purchasing Financial Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]

Resolution No. 39435

A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to convey a 10-foot by 80-foot vacant, undeveloped property located between East 25th and East 26th Streets, to the Washington State Department of Transportation, for the amount of \$6,800.

[Ronda Cornforth, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

Amended Resolution No. 39436

A resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; approving the execution of two agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) to fund housing development programs; authorizing the execution of a Subrecipient Agreement under the HOME Program with the City of Lakewood and TCRA to administer the HOME Program; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Rebuilding Together South Sound for the Minor Home Repair Program.

[Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Resolution No. 39437

A resolution ratifying the April 12, 2016 Annual Performance Review: City Manager, reconfirming the City Manager's appointment; and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with T.C. Broadnax to serve as City Manager retroactive to February 13, 2016, through February 12, 2018.

[Mayor Strickland]

Resolution No. 39438

A resolution authorizing the City Council to forward a letter to the Sound Transit Board expressing the City of Tacoma's recommendations on the Sound Transit 3 draft proposal.

[Mayor Strickland and Deputy Mayor Mello]



RESOLUTION NO. 39431

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment,
2 and the furnishing of services; authorizing the execution of a contract
3 with Western Peterbilt, LLC, in the amount of \$1,088,460, plus sales tax,
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6 renew for two additional one-year periods, for a projected contract total
7 of \$2,047,286, pursuant to Specification No. ES15-0692F.

8 WHEREAS the City has complied with all applicable laws and
9 processes governing the acquisition of those supplies, and/or the procurement
10 of those services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached
11 Exhibit "A," 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 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
16 Board of Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set
17 forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

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7 pursuant to U.S. Communities Purchasing Alliance Contract Master
8 Agreement No. MA-IS-1340234.

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RESOLUTION NO. 39435

1 A RESOLUTION relating to City-owned real property, authorizing the Declaration of
2 Surplus and execution of a Quit Claim Deed to convey vacant, undeveloped
3 remnant property located within the East F Street alignment, lying between
4 East 25th and East 26th Streets, to the Washington State Department of
5 Transportation for the amount of \$6,800.

6 WHEREAS, on March 25, 1986, the remnant property located within the
7 East F Street alignment, between East 25th and East 26th Streets ("Property"),
8 was vacated under Ordinance No. 22649, which unencumbered this subject
9 10-foot by 80-foot segment of land from a right-of-way interest, and

10 WHEREAS the City subsequently conveyed all of its interest, with the
11 exception of this Property, in the rail corridor to Sound Transit under the
12 Reservation Junction project, and

13 WHEREAS the Washington State Department of Transportation ("WSDOT")
14 has proposed using the Property for required elements of the Amtrak project, and
15 desires to own the Property in fee, and

16 WHEREAS, ultimately, and upon completion of both the Trestle Track and
17 Signal and Amtrak projects, WSDOT will convey the Property to Sound Transit,
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19 WHEREAS current project plans require that the existing on-site sewer be
20 relocated outside the Project's boundary into East 26th Street, and

21 WHEREAS the Property is not needed for City infrastructure or use, and is
22 currently considered to be a landlocked, remnant strip of land, and

23 WHEREAS market value for the Property is \$6,800, established via an
24 in-house valuation, which included a review of recent sales for like properties
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located within a three-mile radius of the subject Property, and applied discounts for
1 City-reserved easements, if any, and

2 WHEREAS, there being no foreseeable need for continued City ownership
3 of the Property, the sale of said Property appears to be in the best interests of the
4 City, pending final approval from the City Council; Now, Therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

7 Section 1. That continued ownership of the City real property located within
8 the East F Street alignment, between East 25th and East 26th Streets, as more
9 particularly described in Exhibit "A," is not essential to the needs of the City and is
10 hereby declared surplus pursuant to RCW 35.22.020 and Article I, Section 1.2, and
11 Article IX of the Tacoma City Charter.
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13 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
14 execute a Quit Claim Deed to convey the subject parcel to the Washington State
15 Department of Transportation for the amount of \$6,800, said document to be
16 substantially in the form of the deed on file in the office of the City Clerk.
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Chief Surveyor
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EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The north 10 feet of that certain alley, within the 80 foot wide East "F" Street alignment, lying between Blocks 7524 and 7526, The Tacoma Land Company's First Addition to Tacoma, W.T., according to the Plat thereof recorded July 7, 1884, as vacated by City of Tacoma Ordinance No. 22649, recorded under Auditor's File Number 8604070205, records of Pierce County, Washington.

All land situate in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 09, Township 20 North, Range 03 East of the W.M., within the City of Tacoma, County of Pierce, State of Washington.



RESOLUTION NO. 39436

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City's Annual Action Plan for the U.S. Department
2 of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); authorizing the submittal of the
3 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD; approving the execution of two
4 agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority ("TCRA")
5 to fund housing development programs; authorizing a Subrecipient
6 Agreement under the HOME Program between the City of Tacoma, City of
Lakewood, and TCRA to administer the HOME Program; and authorizing an
agreement with Rebuilding Together South Sound for the Minor Home
Repair Program.

7 WHEREAS submittal of the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan will ensure that
8 the City receives federal funds to manage its housing, community and economic
9 development, neighborhood improvement, homeless assistance, and social
10 service programs, and

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12 WHEREAS the Annual Action Plan outlines the City's use of Community
13 Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnership ("HOME"),
14 and Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") funds, and

15 WHEREAS the Annual Action Plan is due to U.S. Department of Housing
16 and Urban Development ("HUD") by May 15, 2016, and

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18 WHEREAS, based on guidance by the HUD, the City anticipates that it will
19 be entitled to apply for entitlement grant allocations as follows: (1) CDBG, in the
20 amount of \$2,247,997; (2) HOME, in the amount of \$997,185; and (3) ESG, in
21 the amount of \$201,163, and

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23 WHEREAS, because the City of Lakewood ("Lakewood") does not qualify
24 to apply for HOME funds independently, the City and Lakewood formed a
25 consortium in 1999 for the HOME Program, and

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1 WHEREAS the City's share of the estimated HOME program grant funds
is expected to be \$808,717, and Lakewood's share is \$188,468, and

2 WHEREAS the City intends to allocate \$837,199 of CDBG Funds and
3 \$708,999 in HOME Grant Funds to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment
4 Authority for affordable housing programs, and
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6 WHEREAS the City intends to reallocate \$8,969.40 in unspent 2014 ESG
7 carryover funds for projects under this Annual Action Plan, and

8 WHEREAS, during January and February 2016, the Tacoma Community
9 Redevelopment Authority and Human Services Commission reviewed
10 applications for funding, heard presentations by agencies applying for funding,
11 considered the historic performance of those agencies and the needs of the
12 community, and prepared funding recommendations based thereon, and
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14 WHEREAS funding recommendations were finalized at the March 15,
15 2016, special meeting of the City's Community Vitality and Safety Committee,
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18 WHEREAS a public hearing on the recommendations was held on
19 April 12, 2016, and

20 WHEREAS the City Council is now requested to make its final funding
21 decisions for submittal to HUD, and
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23 WHEREAS, additionally, the City desires to enter into an agreement with
24 Rebuilding Together South Sound, in the amount of \$230,000, for the Minor
25 Home Repair Program; Now, Therefore,
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Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to submit, by May 15, 2016, the 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding for various agencies, said plan to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the following agreements with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority: (1) Agreement Between the City of Tacoma and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for CDBG Program, and (2) Agreement Between the City of Tacoma and Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority - HOME Agreement, for the purpose of funding housing development programs allocated under the City's Annual Action Plan, said agreements to be substantially in the form of the documents on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 3. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the following agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority and City of Lakewood: Agreement Between the City of Tacoma, the City of Lakewood, and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority – HOME Subrecipient Agreement, for the purpose of funding housing development programs allocated under the Annual Action Plan, said agreement to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 4. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Rebuilding Together South Sound, in the amount of



1 \$230,000, for the Minor Home Repair Program, said agreement to be
2 substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 39437

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND AND COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL,
2 LONERGAN, AND WOODARDS

3 A RESOLUTION reconfirming the appointment of the City Manager and
4 authorizing the execution of an employment agreement with T.C. Broadnax
5 to serve as City Manager of the City of Tacoma, retroactive to February 13,
6 2016, through February 12, 2018.

7 WHEREAS Section 3.1 of the Tacoma City Charter requires the City
8 Council to review the City Manager's performance annually, and, every two years,
9 vote on whether to reconfirm the appointment of the City Manager, and

10 WHEREAS, on January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution
11 No. 38402, authorizing the execution of an agreement with T.C. Broadnax to serve
12 as City Manager of the City of Tacoma for the period of February 13, 2012, through
13 February 12, 2014; on February 11, 2014, the City Council adopted Resolution
14 No. 38846, authorizing the execution of an agreement with T.C. Broadnax to serve
15 as City Manager of the City of Tacoma for an additional two-year period of
16 February 13, 2014, through February 12, 2016, and

17 WHEREAS the City Manager Performance Review Committee met on
18 March 15, 2016, to review the City Manager's performance for the period of
19 February 13, 2015, through February 12, 2016, rating his performance in four key
20 areas: Assisting the City Council with Policy Making, Internal Administration,
21 External Relations, and Personal Accomplishments, and
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23 WHEREAS the City Council met in Executive Sessions on February 23,
24 2016; March 22, 2016; March 29, 2016; April 5, 2016; and April 12, 2016, to review
25 the performance of the City Manager for said period, and
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WHEREAS the City Manager Performance Review Committee recommends ratification of the April 12, 2016, *Annual Performance Review: City Manager*, and further recommends reconfirming the appointment of and authorizing a two-year employment agreement with T.C. Broadnax to serve as City Manager of the City of Tacoma, retroactive to February 13, 2016, through February 12, 2018; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Council hereby ratifies the April 12, 2016, *Annual Performance Review: City Manager* for the period of February 13, 2015, through February 12, 2016.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby reconfirms the appointment of T.C. Broadnax to serve as City Manager of the City of Tacoma, retroactive to February 13, 2016.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby authorizes the execution of an employment agreement with T.C. Broadnax retroactive to February 13, 2016,



1 through February 12, 2018, said document to be substantially in the form of the
2 proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION NO. 39438

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND AND DEPUTY MAYOR MELLO

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Council to forward a letter to the Sound
3 Transit Board, expressing the City of Tacoma's recommendations on the
4 Sound Transit 3 draft proposal.

5 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016, the Transportation Commission provided an
6 update on the Sound Transit 3 draft proposal ("ST3 Proposal") to the Infrastructure,
7 Planning and Sustainability Committee, and made a recommendation that the City
8 contact Sound Transit to request several revisions to the ST3 Proposal, and

9 WHEREAS the proposed recommendations to the ST3 Proposal include the
10 following: (1) deliver Central Link Light Rail to the Tacoma Dome Station by 2026;
11 (2) expanded Sounder Commuter Rail Improvements; (3) a High-Capacity Transit
12 Study, for light rail expansion from the Tacoma Dome Station to the Tacoma Mall
13 Regional Growth Center; (4) express bus service continuation and enhancements;
14 and (5) a Tacoma Link Corridor Expansion Study, for the purpose of connecting
15 additional neighborhoods with the Tacoma Link, all as more particularly described
16 in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

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

20 Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support of the current
21 Sound Transit 3 draft proposal ("ST3 Proposal"), generally, and connecting to
22 Tacoma via light rail, bus rapid transit partnership with Pierce Transit along Pacific
23 Avenue, Tacoma LINK expansion to west Tacoma to connect to Tacoma
24 Community College, and station access improvements and Sound Commuter Rail
25 enhancements, in particular.
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Section 2. That the City Council is hereby authorized to forward a letter to the Sound Transit Board, expressing the City's proposed recommendations to the ST3 Proposal, said document to be substantially in the form of the draft letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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Attest:

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Approved as to form:

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EXHIBIT "A"

May 3, 2016

Dow Constantine, Chair
Sound Transit Board of Directors
401 S Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: ST3 Draft Plan

Chair Constantine,

First I would like to sincerely thank the board of Sound Transit for the opportunity to comment on the proposed ST3 Draft. The proposed draft includes many items the City of Tacoma strongly supports and was pleased to see included, such as the expansion of regional light rail from Federal Way to Tacoma Dome Station, Light Link Rail from downtown to the western parts of the city, as well as bus capital enhancements along Pacific Avenue, and the Sounder Extension from Lakewood to Dupont.

As our community continues to grow, transportation issues will continue to play a key role in the city's long term success. We share Sound Transit's commitment to linking the north and south Sound areas and fulfilling the dream of moving people more efficiently throughout the region with a unified plan.

We would also like to offer Sound Transit some considerations we would like to see moving forward and that would enhance their current draft.

Deliver Central LINK Extension Sooner: Work creatively with partners to deliver Central Link Light Rail to Tacoma Dome Station by 2026. We understand that 2026 may be prior to the completion of the ST3 expansion to Federal Way, so bringing further expansion to Tacoma by 2026 is especially ambitious, but we encourage Sound Transit to work with all our regional partners to expedite light rail expansion throughout the region. This will require creativity to speed up financing and permitting, but we believe it is doable. Tax payers and commuters stuck in traffic are demanding transit options as soon as possible and we must do everything we can to deliver the program more quickly. Moreover, the City of Tacoma is prepared to do everything within its power to assist Sound Transit in speeding up the permit process, while balancing the proper review, public engagement and environmental processes.

Sounder Commuter Rail Improvements: Tacoma needs more specifics included about the expanded Sounder Commuter rail service. The draft as proposed is vague as to improving commuter rail service. Tacoma would like to see more details as to what those improvements may be, including specific numbers that reflect any proposed increase in the number of trains running both ways, expansion of hours they run, or increased frequency. South Sound Commuters need more frequent trains during rush hours, more trains running in both directions and span of service extended from 6 am – 9 pm at night or later to serve more riders with more reliable, frequent commuter options. Sounder Commuter Rail will be a faster way for commuters to get from Tacoma to Seattle compared to Link Light Rail and therefore, we must deliver more frequent service and a greater span of service.

EXHIBIT "A"

High-Capacity Transit Study from Tacoma Dome Station to Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center:

Tacoma requests Sound Transit to fund a study in preparation for future expansions which includes Light Rail expansion from Tacoma Dome Station to the Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center. Linking the various areas of our city to regional transit centers is a high priority as it will enable our citizens to use the services of the broader Sound Transit expansion – connecting our most densely populated centers with high-capacity transit.

Express Bus Service Continuation & Enhancement: Tacoma would like Sound Transit to reconsider the assumption that rapid bus service will be discontinued when the link is completed. BRT investments are critical in the beginning phases of ST3, and we look forward to the immediate positive effect they will have on the community. With the travel time to Seattle via central link being estimated at 60-75 minutes, express bus service may continue to be the quickest option for commuters and therefore continue to play a critical role even after light rail is connected to Tacoma Dome Station.

Tacoma Link Expansion Corridor Study: While the draft plan has already identified an expansion of the Tacoma Link to Tacoma Community College from the Hilltop, we believe funding an additional corridor study to connect additional neighborhoods with the Tacoma Link would promote efforts to provide a local match in advance of funding the project in future Sound Transit funding cycles.

We would like to respectfully request Sound Transit to consider these amendments in moving forward with the ST3 Draft Plan, and we look forward to continuing to work with ST and engage in a mutually beneficial discourse as we work together to improve transportation across our region.

Sincerely,