Legislation Passed May 10, 2022

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of May 10, 2022, 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.

**Substitute Resolution No. 40955**
A resolution modifying the timelines for the proposed land use code amendments pertaining to the use of shipping containers for storage, and expanded allowances for the use of electric fences, as previously directed by Resolutions Nos. 40794 and 40881, to be considered as part of the Planning Commission’s 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment docket; and providing additional guidance for Planning Commission consideration.
[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**Resolution No. 40968**
A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**Resolution No. 40969**
A resolution appointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and the Transportation Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]
RESOLUTION NO. 40955

BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
HINES, McCARTHY, AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to the Land Use Regulatory Code; modifying the
timelines for the proposed land use code amendments pertaining to the
use of shipping containers for storage, and expanded allowances for the
use of electric fences, as previously directed by Resolution No. 40794
and Resolution No. 40881, to be considered as part of the Planning
Commission’s 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory
Code Amendment docket, and providing additional guidance for
Planning Commission consideration.

WHEREAS the City Council adopted Resolution No. 40794 on June 8, 2021,
and Resolution No. 40881 on November 30, 2021, directing the Planning
Commission (“Commission”) to review and recommend potential amendments to
the Land Use Regulatory Code (“Code”) pertaining to the respective issues of
shipping containers for storage and electric fences as part of the 2022
Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendment process, and

WHEREAS shipping containers are, per the Zoning Code, generally
allowed only in industrial districts or as temporary uses in other areas, and electric
fences are only currently allowed outright in industrial districts and through a
variance in other districts, and

WHEREAS at its meeting on January 19, 2022, the Commission reviewed
the City Council’s requests and considered adding either or both issues to the 2022
Amendment process, and

WHEREAS upon discussion, the Commission concluded that due to the
complexity and significant impacts of both issues, as well as the extensive
community engagement that would be needed, it would be difficult to incorporate
them into the 2022 Amendment process, which was already under way, and

WHEREAS the Commission felt it more feasible for these issues to be
addressed through the 2023 Amendment process, which has begun and is slated
for completion in June 2023, and

WHEREAS the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (“IPS”)
Committee received a briefing from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission
on February 23, 2022, of the Commission’s initial assessment of the issues, and,
upon deliberation, concurred with the Commission’s suggestions that the issues
relating to electric fences and shipping containers be included in the docket for
review through the 2023 Amendment process, and that evaluating shipping
containers as innovative housing options be considered in coordination with Home
in Tacoma Project Phase II, and

WHEREAS the IPS Committee provided additional clarifications and
suggestions concerning the scope of work for shipping containers: (1) the
Commission should focus more on issues relating to using shipping containers as
innovative housing solutions, and also shipping containers for storage and other
uses specifically in commercial districts, and (2) the Commission’s review of
development standards should ensure that shipping containers for residential use
provide value-added accommodations and are safe to live in, and

WHEREAS the IPS Committee also provided additional clarification and
suggestions concerning electric fences: (1) businesses have raised concerns of
increased theft and safety issues that have added severe expenses, hence the
sense of urgency in the community for the regulatory review of this issue, (2) there are great concerns about equity, health, and safety regarding expansion of electric fences into areas outside the industrial zones that must be properly addressed, and (3) the Commission’s review should include, but not be limited to, compatibility of the design and installation of electric fences with the surrounding environment, costs to businesses of permitting and installation of electric fences, site-by-site decisions or district-wide permissions, the applicability of conditional use permits, and the applicability of areas where commercial uses are present or allowed, and

WHEREAS the Long-Range Planning Work Program is developed in concert with the Planning Commission and City Council, through the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, based on project prioritization, public input and available resources, and while the next annual work program update is scheduled to occur in August 2022 the Committee has expressed an interest in also receiving a semi-annual work program update each year in the spring, and reviewing the capacity and process of review such that requests might be considered on a more timely basis in quickly changing environments, and

WHEREAS the IPS Committee’s recommendations concerning the Commission’s scopes for review and timelines for the shipping container and electric fence issues require a resolution to amend Resolution No. 40794 and Resolution No. 40881; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to modify the timelines for the proposed land use code amendments pertaining to the use of shipping containers for storage and other uses, and expanded allowances for the use of electric fences, as previously directed by Resolution No. 40794 and Resolution No. 40881, to be considered as part of the Planning Commission’s 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment docket, and providing additional guidance for Planning Commission consideration.

Adopted ________________

Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 40968

BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DANIELS AND HINES

A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; appointing and reappointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission.

WHEREAS vacancies exist on the Human Rights Commission, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 28, 2022, the Community Vitality and Safety Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment and reappointment of individuals to said commission, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.4, the persons named on Exhibit “A” have been nominated to serve on the Human Rights Commission; Now,

Therefore,

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

That those nominees to the Human Rights Commission, listed on Exhibit “A,” are hereby confirmed and appointed or reappointed as members of such commission for such terms as are set forth on the attached Exhibit “A.”

Adopted __________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Req. #22-0528
EXHIBIT “A”

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Appointing Robbi Johnston to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2025.
Appointing Janice Langbehn to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2025.
Appointing Artyom Yakimovich to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2025.
Reappointing Amanda Westbrooke to fill an unexpired term to expire February 28, 2025.
RESOLUTION NO. 40969

BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR USHKA AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HINES, McCARTHY, AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; appointing individuals to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and the Transportation Commission.

WHEREAS vacancies exist on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and the Transportation Commission, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 9, 2022, the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee ("IPS Committee") conducted interviews and recommended Casey McManus to a short list for future vacancies on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission that may occur, and a Commissioner has vacated their position as of April 24, 2022, which has created a vacancy, and the IPS Committee is recommending the appointment of Casey McManus to said Commission, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 27, 2022, the IPS Committee conducted an interview and recommended the appointment of Matt Stevens to the "At-Large No. 1" position on the Transportation Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.4, the persons named on Exhibit "A" have been nominated to serve on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and the Transportation Commission; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That those nominees to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission and the Transportation Commission, listed on Exhibit “A,” are hereby confirmed and appointed as members of such commissions for such terms as are set forth on the attached Exhibit “A.”

Adopted ____________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
EXHIBIT “A”

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION
Appointing Casey McManus to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2023.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Appointing Matt Stevens to the “At-Large No. 1” position to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2026.