Legislation Passed July 16, 2024

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of July 16, 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. 41468**
A resolution setting Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of a 16-foot-wide alley lying south of vacated South 30th Street and north of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street, to cure building and industrial storage use encroachments. (Bradken, Inc.; File No. 124.1453)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

**Resolution No. 41469**
A resolution reappointing Addison Atkatsh to the Human Services Commission.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**Resolution No. 41470**
A resolution appointing an individual to the City Council District No. 4 position.
[Mayor Woodards]

**Resolution No. 41471**
A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of $10,000, to support the South End Neighborhood Council’s 2024 Block Party and Resource Fair.
[Council Member Bushnell]

**Resolution No. 41473**
A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Section 2.35 of the Tacoma City Charter to expand the term limits for the Mayor and Council Members elected in or after year 2025 from 10 consecutive years to three consecutive full four-year terms; provided that, the new expanded term limits will not apply to the Mayor and Council Members holding office during the 2025 general election.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
Resolution No. 41474
A resolution and proposition to add a new section to Article II of the Tacoma City Charter to clarify the priorities and time investment necessary for Council Members to carry out their duties, and authorize the City Council to employ or contract for personnel who will directly report to and advise or assist the Council Members.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41475
A resolution and proposition to amend Article III, Section 3.8 of the Tacoma City Charter relating to Planning Commission composition.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41476
A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Sections 2.3, 2.19, 2.20, and 2.25, Article VI, Sections 6.3 and 6.7, and Article IX, Section 9.2, of the Tacoma City Charter related to equity of access.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41477
A resolution and proposition to amend Article II, Section 2.8 of the Tacoma City Charter to remove the prohibition upon meeting more than weekly and to increase the number of required regular meetings.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41479
A resolution and proposition to amend Article IX, Section 9.1 of the Tacoma City Charter to allow sale or other transfer of City-owned waterfront property only to other public agencies with a guarantee that the property will stay in public ownership and be used only for park purposes, park structures, or open space in perpetuity.
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]
RESOLUTION NO. 41468

A RESOLUTION relating to the vacation of City right-of-way; setting Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing before the Hearing Examiner on the petition of Bradken, Inc., to vacate a portion of a 16-foot-wide alley lying southerly of vacated South 30th Street and northerly of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street.

WHEREAS Bradken, Inc., having received the consent of the owners of more than two-thirds of the properties abutting a 16-foot-wide alley lying southerly of vacated South 30th Street and northerly of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street, has petitioned for the vacation of the following legally described right-of-way area:

THAT PORTION OF ALLEY BETWEEN BLOCKS 22 AND 23, CARROLL & HANNAH’S ADDITION TO TACOMA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 7, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR, LYING NORTHERLY OF THAT RIGHT-OF-WAY AREA ACQUIRED BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO. 34214, AND SOUTHERLY OF SOUTH 30TH STREET AS VACATED BY CITY OF TACOMA ORDINANCE NUMBER 6449, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A THEORETICAL INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 99 (ALSO KNOWN AS SOUTH TACOMA WAY) CENTERLINE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SOUTH WILKESON STREET FROM WHICH ANOTHER ANGLE POINT IN SAID STATE HIGHWAY CENTERLINE BEARS NORTH 82°04'17" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 436.27 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE, NORTH 82°04'17" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 149.92 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID CENTERLINE NORTH 07°55'43" EAST, 35.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUIRED BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO. 34214, AND THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 23, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01°26'03" EAST, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 23, 213.34 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 23, BEING ON...
THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID VACATED SOUTH 30TH STREET; THENCE NORTH 88°38'05" WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, 16.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 22; THENCE SOUTH 01°26'03" WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 22, 211.51 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUIRED BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE; THENCE SOUTH 82°04'17" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 16.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SITUATE IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 08, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 03 EAST, W.M., IN THE CITY OF TACOMA, COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., is hereby fixed as the date and time, and the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, in the City of Tacoma, Washington, and may be offered in a hybrid format that includes a remote option, as the place when and where the request of Bradken, Inc. to vacate public right-of-way will be heard by the Hearing Examiner and his recommendations thereafter transmitted to the Council of the City of Tacoma.
Section 2. That the Clerk of the City of Tacoma shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

Adopted

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form: Property description approved:

Deputy City Attorney Chief Surveyor
Public Works Department

Location: A 16-foot-wide alley lying southerly of vacated South 30th Street and northerly of South Tacoma Way and lying between South Wilkeson Street and vacated South Ash Street.

Petitioner: Bradken, Inc.

File No.: 124.1453
RESOLUTION NO. 41469

BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR HINES AND COUNCIL MEMBERS RUMBAUGH AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; reappointing Addison Atkatsh to the Human Services Commission.

WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the Human Services Commission, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 27, 2024, the Community Vitality and Safety Committee reviewed and recommended the reappointment of Addison Atkatsh to the “youth member” position on the Human Services Commission, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter 2.4, Addison Atkatsh has been nominated to serve in the “youth member” position on the Human Services Commission; Now, Therefore,

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

That Addison Atkatsh is hereby confirmed and reappointed to the “youth member” position on the Human Services Commission, to serve a one-year term retroactive to July 1, 2024, to expire June 30, 2025.

Adopted ____________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41470

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

A RESOLUTION appointing an individual to the City Council District No. 4 Position, for a term to be effective July 23, 2024 through the remainder of the term of office and a successor is elected and qualified.

WHEREAS on May 16, 2024, the City notified the public that Council Member Catherine Ushka had passed away, leaving a vacancy in the Council District No. 4 position, and

WHEREAS the City Council discussed the process for filling the position and the qualifications at the Tuesday, June 4, 2024 Study Session, and

WHEREAS the City announced that the City Clerk’s Office would accept applications from June 6, 2024, through noon on Monday, June 24, 2024; a total of 23 applications were received, and

WHEREAS at the July 2, 2024 Study Session, the City Council held an Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the applicants, and at the July 2, 2024 Council meeting, the City Council selected six finalists for the District No. 4 vacancy, and

WHEREAS these six finalists were interviewed at the Council meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, and at the July 16, 2024 Study Session, the City Council held an Executive Session to further discuss their qualifications, and

WHEREAS having considered the qualifications of the candidates and community feedback, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public that the individual named below be appointed to the City Council District No. 4 position effective July 23, 2024 for the remainder of the term of City
Council District No. 4 position and a successor is elected and qualified; Now,

Therefore,

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

That, in accordance with Tacoma City Charter 2.7, the City Council does hereby appoint ____________________________ to the City Council District No. 4 position, effective July 23, 2024 for the remainder of the term of City Council District No. 4 position and a successor is elected and qualified.

Adopted __________________


Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41471

BY REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBERS BUSHNELL, DIAZ AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds in the amount of $10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the South End Neighborhood Council’s (“SENCo”) 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair for the purpose of sharing information about public resources offered by the City of Tacoma and other organizations, and to build community connections and increase participation in SENCo meetings and activities.

WHEREAS, at the June 26, 2024 Study Session, Council Member Bushnell shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time use of $10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support the South End Neighborhood Council (“SENCo”) 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair, and

WHEREAS SENCo is hosting their 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at South 72nd Street and South D Street in Tacoma, and

WHEREAS this location was selected because SENCo is in year two of the South 72nd Street and South D Street Green Space and Mural Project, and

WHEREAS this project came about as SENCo looked to find a solution for a space that attracted nefarious activities and litter and dumping, and

WHEREAS SENCo began to engage neighbors, occupy space with positive actions, and view the opportunities for green spaces differently, and

WHEREAS nearly two blocks of residential right of way have been cleaned, soil amended, and trees and understory planting have been added, and
WHEREAS over 15 murals have been added to the retaining wall that runs along the space, and

WHEREAS neighbors volunteer to maintain and improve the area so it continues to be a positive community space, and

WHEREAS the Block Party & Resource Fair continues to celebrate this community transformation and gathers community to come together and celebrate what is possible when South End residents band together to improve their neighborhood, and promote public health, safety and welfare and economic development, and

WHEREAS the event will provide 300 free meals to community attendees and include South End and culturally relevant music, and

WHEREAS representatives from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Safe Streets, Tacoma Public Library, Environmental Services, Trust for Public Land, Impact Elementary, Pierce Conservation District, and others will host booths at the event and provide the community resources, and

WHEREAS this resolution will support the event by providing up to the following: 1) $1,500 to pay for stage equipment, sound system, generator, and entertainment; 2) $7,100 to pay for food truck meals and picnicware for 300 people; 3) $900 to pay for special event insurance, and 4) $500 to pay for unanticipated costs and art supplies/sustainable giveaways for block party activity, and

WHEREAS these services will support SENCo in their efforts to attract attendees to the event in order to share information about public resources
offered by the City of Tacoma and other organizations, and to build community
communication and increase participation in SENCs meetings and activities, and

WHEREAS this funding can be used to reimburse for services purchased
prior to the resolution being approved on July 16, 2024, and

WHEREAS additional background on City funding for SENCs’ 2024
Block Party & Resource Fair: The South End Neighborhood Council has a
contract with the City for $4,000 a year for operating costs; SENC applied for
the City’s special event funding and received $2,500 for this event that will be
used for a community art activity during the event and funding for ice cream for
dessert, and

WHEREAS the City will develop an agreement with SENC for services
with terms and deliverables for the City’s investment, and

WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from
the Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent
of which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of
adopting the budget, 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 the foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the City Council’s legislative findings.

Section 2. That one-time funding in the amount of $10,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the South End Neighborhood Council’s 2024 Block Party & Resource Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Section 3. That City staff under the direction of the City Manager will establish agreements, terms, and deliverables for the City’s investment in this public health and economic development effort.

Adopted ________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41473

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Section 2.35 of the Tacoma City Charter to expand the term limits for the Mayor and Council Members elected in or after year 2025 from 10 consecutive years to three consecutive full four-year terms; provided that, the new expanded term limits will not apply to the Mayor and Council Members holding office during the 2025 general election.

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

Section 1. That Article II, Section 2.35 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 2.35 – Commencing with any Mayor or Council Member first elected in 2025, no person shall be allowed to serve on the Council for more than ten (10) three (3) consecutive years full terms, either as a Council Member, Mayor, or combination thereof; provided that, no person holding elected office for the City at the time of the general election in 2025 shall be allowed to serve on the
Council for more than ten (10) consecutive years, either as a Council Member,
Mayor, or combination thereof.

Adopted ______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41474

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to add a new Section to Article II of the	
Tacoma City Charter to clarify the priorities and time investment	
necessary for Council Members to carry out their duties, and authorize	
the City Council to employ or contract for personnel who will directly	
report to and advise or assist the Council Members.

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

Section 1. That Article II of the Tacoma City Charter is amended by the	
addition of a new section, to be numbered by the City Clerk, and reading as	
follows:

Section XX – Council Members shall prioritize their City Council work and	
shall devote sufficient time to fully carry out their obligations and duties, and	
shall have the authority to employ or contract for personnel who will directly	
report to and advise or assist the Council Members.

Adopted _____________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 41475

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article III, Section 3.8 of the Tacoma City Charter relating to Planning Commission composition.

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

Section 1. That Article III, Section 3.8 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 3.8 – There shall be a Planning Commission, composed of nine (9) members, with such powers and duties as are provided by ordinance. The nine-eleven (11) members shall be residents of the City of Tacoma and be appointed and confirmed by the City Council for terms of three (3) years each. The Council must ensure the appointments provide for diversity of Planning Commission members. The diversity should include race, ethnicity, gender, backgrounds, experiences, and expertise and must not be over-represented in any areas of expertise or experience. The membership of the Commission shall include one member shall be appointed by the City Council for each of the five council districts. The Council shall appoint to the four remaining positions an individual from each of the following:

(a) the development community;
(b) the environmental community;
(c) public transportation, and
(d) a designee with background of involvement in architecture, historic preservation, and/or urban design.
A majority of the voting members of such Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Commission shall be authorized to adopt rules for the transaction of business not inconsistent with this charter or ordinances of the City of Tacoma. Said Planning Commission members shall serve without pay.

Adopted ________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41476

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Sections 2.3, 2.19, 2.20, and 2.25, Article VI, Sections 6.3 and 6.7, and Article IX, Section 9.2, of the Tacoma City Charter related to equity of access.

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

Section 1. That Article II, Sections 2.3, 2.19, 2.20, and 2.25 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

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Section 2.3 – A Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries will determine the compensation and salary of the Mayor and each Council Member. The Commission shall set the salary and any salary changes for the Mayor and Council Members. The salary and any salary changes set by the Commission shall be adopted by the City Council.

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Section 2.19 – Citizens Residents of Tacoma may by initiative petition ask the voters to approve or reject ordinances or amendments to existing ordinances, subject to any limitation on topics in state law, by the following process:

(a) The petitioners shall file an Initiative Petition with the City Clerk.

(b) The City Clerk shall forward the petition to the City Attorney within one (1) working day of receipt.

(c) Within ten (10) working days of receipt, the City Attorney shall review the petition and make contact with the petitioner as necessary, and if the petition is proper in terms of form and style, the City Attorney will write a concise, true, and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure, not to exceed the number of
words as allowed under state law for local initiatives. The statement will be phrased in the form of a positive question.

(d) The City Attorney shall file this concise statement with the City Clerk as the official ballot title.

(e) The City Clerk shall assign an initiative number to the ballot title and notify the petitioner that the ballot title becomes final and signature gathering may begin in ten (10) working days if there is no judicial review. Notification of the ballot title shall be posted at City Hall and on the City’s web page.

(f) Persons dissatisfied with the ballot title prepared by the City Attorney may seek judicial review by petitioning the Pierce County Superior Court within ten (10) working days of the notification of the ballot title having been posted as required under (e). The Court shall endeavor to promptly review the statements and render a decision as expeditiously as possible. The decision of the Court is final.

(g) Petitions must include the final, approved ballot title, initiative number, the full text of the ordinance, or amendment to existing ordinance, that the petitioners seek to refer to the voters, and all other text and warnings required by state law.

(h) Petitioners have one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days to collect signatures from registered voters.

(i) The number of valid signatures shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the votes cast in the last election for the office of Mayor.

(j) The City Clerk shall forward the signatures to the County Auditor to be verified. Based on the Auditor’s review, the City Clerk shall determine the validity of the petition. If the petition is validated, the City Council may enact or reject the
Initiative, but shall not modify it. If it rejects the Initiative or within thirty (30) calendar days fails to take final action on it, the City Council shall submit the proposal to the people at the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than ninety (90) days after the date on which the signatures on the petition are validated.

Section 2.20 – Citizens Residents of Tacoma may ask that ordinances passed by the City Council, except for ordinances which take effect immediately as allowed in Section 2.13 of the Charter, or as otherwise prohibited by state law, be referred to the voters for approval or rejection by the following process:

(a) The petitioners shall file a Referendum Petition with the City Clerk not later than ten (10) calendar days after the City Council approved the ordinance.

(b) The filing of a Referendum Petition, and progression by the petitioners through the steps outlined as follows, causes the suspension of the effective date of the ordinance.

(c) The City Clerk shall forward the petition to the City Attorney within one (1) working day of receipt.

(d) Within ten (10) working days of receipt, the City Attorney shall review the petition and make contact with the petitioner as necessary, and if the petition is proper in terms of form and style, the City Attorney will write a concise, true, and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure, not to exceed the number of words as allowed under state law for local referendums. The statement will be phrased in the form of a positive question.
(e) The City Attorney shall file this concise statement with the City Clerk as the official ballot title.

(f) The City Clerk shall assign a referendum number to the ballot title and notify the petitioner that the ballot title becomes final and signature gathering may begin in ten (10) working days if there is no judicial review. Notification of the ballot title shall be posted at City Hall and on the City’s web page.

(g) Persons dissatisfied with the ballot title prepared by the City Attorney may seek judicial review by petitioning Pierce County Superior Court within ten (10) working days of the notification of the ballot title having been posted as required under (f). The Court shall endeavor to promptly review the statements and render a decision as expeditiously as possible. The decision of the Court is final.

(h) Petitions must include the final, approved ballot title, referendum number, the full text of the ordinance that the petitioners seek to refer to the voters, and all other text and warnings required by state law.

(i) Petitioners have thirty (30) calendar days to collect signatures from registered voters.

(j) The number of valid signatures shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the votes cast in the last election for the office of Mayor.

(k) The City Clerk shall forward the signatures to the County auditor to be verified. Based on the Auditor’s review, the City Clerk shall determine the validity of the petition. If the petition is validated, the City Council shall immediately reconsider the ordinance, and if it does not repeal the ordinance, submit the proposal to the
people at the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than ninety (90)
days after the date on which the signatures on the petition are validated.

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Section 2.25 – The City Council shall commence a review of this charter no less
frequently than once every ten years, by appointing citizens-Tacoma residents to a
charter review committee, or by the election of a board of freeholders in the
manner provided in state law. Any freeholders shall be nominated and elected by
position and by district. The charter review committee, which shall be provided with
sufficient staff and budget to perform a comprehensive review, shall report any
recommended amendments to the City Council. The City Council may accept,
reject or modify the recommended amendments and may submit any
recommended charter amendments to the voters in the manner provided in state
law. The recommendations of a board of freeholders shall be placed before the
voters in the manner provided in state law. Nothing in this section shall limit the
right of citizens-Tacoma residents to initiate amendments to this charter in any
other manner allowed by state law.

Section 2. That Article VI, Section 6.3 of the Tacoma City Charter be
amended to read as follows:

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Section 6.3 – No person shall be eligible for employment in the City service who
is not a citizen of the United States; provided that, as to laborers, this
requirement may be waived by the Human Resources Director when laborers
who are citizens are not available. No person shall be eligible to employment in
the classified service who is not a resident of the City at the time of appointment, and all officers and employees of the City appointed after this charter takes effect shall reside within its corporate limits during their period of employment in the City service; provided, that the Civil Service Board may waive such residence requirements for employees in the classified service and the City Council may waive such residence requirements for appointive employees in the unclassified service when such waiver is deemed to be for the best interests of the City for such reasons and under such conditions as may be prescribed in the personnel rules.

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Section 3. That Article VI, Section 6.7 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 6.7 – No applicant for employment and no appointed officer or employee shall be discriminated against in any personnel decision on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin or ancestry, political affiliation, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap; provided, however, that affirmative action may be used to remedy prior discrimination in the employment and promotion of City appointed officers and employees. The City Council shall periodically review, and amend as appropriate, the anti-discrimination ordinances applicable to City applicants and employees.

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Section 4. That Article IX, Section 9.2 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

**Section 9.2** – All records and accounts of every office, department, or agency of the City shall be open to inspection by any citizen requester, to include but not be limited to any representative of any citizen’s organization, or any representative of the press, at all reasonable times and under reasonable regulations established by the City Council, except records and documents the disclosure of which would tend to defeat the lawful purpose which they are intended to accomplish. All such records and accounts shall be City property and be kept as such by the proper officers and employees during their continuance in office, and then delivered to their successors.

Adopted ________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41477

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Section 2.8 of the Tacoma City Charter to remove the prohibition upon meeting more than weekly and to increase the number of required regular meetings.

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

Section 1. That Article II, Section 2.8 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 2.8 – The Council shall meet at such times and places as it may determine, provided it shall hold regular not oftener than once a week, periodic meetings at least forty-six seventy (4670) times each calendar year. Special meetings shall be called by the City Clerk on the written request of the Mayor or any three Council members. Such request shall state the subject or subjects to be considered at such meeting, and no other subject shall be considered thereat. Each Council member shall be given such notice that may be required by State law, but in no event less than twelve hours’ notice, of the time and
place of such special meetings. All meetings of the council shall be public as
prescribed by State law.

Adopted _________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 41479

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article IX, Section 9.1 of the Tacoma City Charter to allow sale or other transfer of City-owned waterfront property only to other public agencies with a guarantee that the property will stay in public ownership and be used only for park purposes, park structures, or open space in perpetuity.

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

Section 1. That Article IX, Section 9.1 of the Tacoma City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 9.1 – Except as otherwise provided in this charter or in state law, the sale, lease or conveyance of real or personal property belonging to the City shall be upon authorization of the Council; provided that machinery or equipment may be leased from day to day on written agreement therefore approved by the City Manager or Director of Utilities, as the case may be, and filed with the Director of Finance; provided further that, the lease of real or personal property for a term of less than a one year period without renewal options shall not require authorization of the Council. Any lease of real or personal property for a period longer than five (5) years shall contain provisions for adjustment of rentals at intervals not to exceed five (5) years. The City shall never authorize the sale or disposition of any waterfront property belonging to the City solely to public agencies for the guaranteed purpose of perpetual public ownership and public access, to be used for park purposes, park structures, or open space in perpetuity and, subject to the provisions of state law, the City shall not lease waterfront property for a period longer than seventy-five years at any one time. All conveyances, contracts for sale of land owned by the City, and leases of such land for a term of longer than one
year, including any renewal options, shall be executed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Adopted ______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney