

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Nikki Bufford called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett L. Wittner, Karen Mauer-Smith, Hunter T. George, and Joe Barrentine were present.

Councilmember Reynolds attended the meeting virtually.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR WHITTIER PARK USAGE**

**Councilmember Mauer-Smith MOVED to untable Resolution No. 2023, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Tacoma School District No. 10 for the use and restoration of Whittier Park in support of the Whittier Elementary School replacement project; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.**

**The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**Councilmember Viafore MOVED to amend the motion to include the updated interlocal agreement dated May 1, 2026; seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.**

City Manager Masko reviewed the revisions to the Interlocal Agreement following Council discussion at the April 28, 2026, regular meeting. Updates included addressing concerns regarding contractor parking, groundwater and stormwater impacts, and environmental protections for the Whittier Park staging area.

Public Works Director Bemis provided an overview of the City's wellhead protection and stormwater systems to include the five-year groundwater time-of-travel area and protections associated with the project site. He stated that there were no concerns regarding the proposed staging area impacts. The erosion control and stormwater treatment measures would be monitored.

Council discussions included stormwater and groundwater protections, environmental review, staging area materials, Department of Ecology permitting and oversight, and clarification of inclusion of the Whittier Park staging area in the SEPA review. Councilmember Barrentine requested confirmation that the City would receive immediate notification of any spills or environmental incidents at the project site.

Mayor Bufford invited public comment; none were provided.

**The Motion Carried (7-0).**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Barrentine.**

**The Motion Carried (7-0).**



Nikki Bufford, Mayor



Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk