



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 13, 2013

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Campbell, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of July 23, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Economic Development Dashboard

At approximately 10:04 a.m. Elly Walkowiak, Community and Economic Development, reviewed economic indicators for the second quarter of 2013. She stated the local economy improved between the second quarter of 2012 and second quarter of 2013 in several key areas, including Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes, new construction and Port of Tacoma-related activities, and employment. She discussed the growth in sales tax revenues and B&O tax, the decrease in unemployment rates, the number of residential building permits issued and their value; and employment growth in transportation/utilities, trade and manufacturing, and in the industrial and health care sectors.

Ms. Walkowiak reviewed the top five sectors for sales tax revenue and B&O tax in Tacoma, top growth sectors for employment, business start-ups and closures, development and industrial performance, workforce development, small business engagement. Discussion ensued regarding retail spaces in University Place being occupied by doctors and dentists rather than retailers due to no B&O tax requirement existing in University Place.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated tentative topics for the next meeting on August 27, 2013, include the Berger Library Trust-Municipal Virtual Library item previously scheduled for today's meeting.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Applicant Interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee

City Clerk Doris Sorum stated today is the third set of interviews to appoint members to the newly established City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC). She stated five members have been appointed to the CERC and there are four remaining: Council District Nos. 2, 4, and

5 positions; and the At-Large No. 4 position.

Ms. Sorum stated at tonight's City Council meeting, under Unfinished Business, Resolution No. 38707, regarding the most recent appointments to CERC adopted on August 6, 2013, will be reconsidered to correct an error regarding the terms of the appointments from three-year terms to two-year terms, as recommended by this Committee at the July 23, 2013 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee would like to further amend Resolution No. 38707 at tonight's meeting to move Jessie Baines Jr. from the At-Large No. 1 position he was previously appointed to, to the Council District No. 2 position with the two-year term to remain.

Council Member Boe moved to revise the appointment of Jessie Baines Jr. from the At-Large No. 1 position to the Council District No. 2 Position for a two-year term. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried.

The following individuals were then interviewed for the CERC:

Justin Van Dyk
Christina Hughes
Benjamin Warner

Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Christina Hughes representing the At-Large No. 1 position to the City Events and Recognitions Committee to serve a one-year term to expire July 31, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Walker moved to recommend the appointment of Justin Van Dyk representing the Council District No. 5 position to the City Events and Recognitions Committee to serve a one-year term to expire July 31, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Mello.

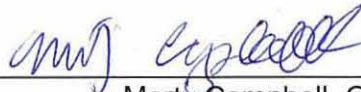
Discussion ensued regarding the Council District No. 5 position. Council Member Walker withdrew her previous motion. Discussion ensued regarding keeping Mr. Van Dyk in consideration for future appointment to the CERC.

Council Member Walker moved to recommend Ben Warner representing the At-Large No. 4 position to the City Events and Recognitions Committee to serve a one-year term to expire July 31, 2014. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding putting a call for applications back out for the Council District Nos. 4 and 5 positions, the need for more diversity on the CERC, and the need for members of CERC to have a good understanding of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. and City of Destiny Awards celebrations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office