



# City of Tacoma

## Economic Development

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908

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**April 11, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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**Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,  
Olgy Diaz, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)**

### Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Diaz

Vice Chair Daniels arrived at 10:03 a.m.

Vice Chair Daniels participated virtually.

### Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

### Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0352](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2022, meeting.
2. [23-0354](#) Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the November 29 and December 13, 2022, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Daniels and Diaz

## Briefing Items

3. [23-0314](#) Manufacturing Industrial Council Update  
[Ryan Spence, Executive Director, Tacoma-Pierce County  
Chamber Manufacturing Industrial Council]

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Ryan Spence, Director, Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC), presented an update on the MIC, including a mission statement and background.

Vice Chair Daniels arrived here, at 10:03 a.m.

Spence continued by describing the work plan, noting advocacy, outreach, and education; the South Tacoma MIC, noting expanded engagement, the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District, and economic development; economic development opportunities; and the engagement strategy.

Discussion ensued regarding where the MIC is in leading on climate and environmental issues, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber's and MIC's responses to events that happen in the tideflats, who is involved in the MIC, MIC's roll in ensuring that there is availability of equitable living wage jobs, and strategic goals of the MIC.

4. [23-0316](#) Green Economy Strategy  
[Patricia Beard, Business Development Manager,  
Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:26 a.m., Pat Beard, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Ryan Donahue, Consultant, RM Donahue Consulting LLC. Donahue presented on the Tacoma Green Economic Development Strategy, including an overview; methodology and definitions; Tacoma's sector opportunities, noting clean energy, industrial symbiosis, green building products, and maritime; the strategy; and the green economy hub, noting the convening of different groups around the strategies. Beard concluded by reviewing next steps and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding the participation of Joint Base Lewis-McChord in the green economy, the green economy and livability in the City, environmental factors and public health risks that play into the workforce development, how the City can share the message about the green economy, incorporating Tacoma Public Schools into the strategy, the approach on becoming the leading City in the green economy, and aligning the strategy with state and federal goals.

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to forward the Tacoma Green Economic Development Strategy to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Diaz

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5.      [23-0318](#)      April 25, 2023 - Citywide Business Survey; Equity in Contracting Year End Report  
May 9, 2023 - BIPOC Business Alliance; Business License Fees and Planned Business Survey Panel Discussion  
May 23, 2023 - Additional Business License Fee Revenue  
May 30, 2023 - Cancelled

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on April 25, 2023, and will include presentations on the Citywide business survey, and the Equity in Contracting year end report; the May 9, 2023, meeting will include presentations on the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color business alliance, and business license fees and planned business survey panel discussion; and the May 23, 2023, meeting will include an update on additional business license fee revenue.

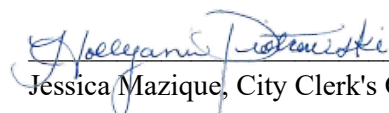
## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

  
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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office