



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

March 29, 2016

10:00 AM

Chair Marty Campbell, Ryan Mello,
Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Conor McCarthy (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

1. 16-0271 City Events and Recognitions Committee Interviews [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided background information on current vacancies on the City Events and Recognitions Committee. She stated there are three positions open, a three-year term for the Council District No. 4 position and unexpired terms for the At-Large No. 2 and At-Large No. 4 position. Ms. Sorum stated the Committee will be interviewing two applicants and concluded by reviewing the interview process.

The Committee interviewed the following applicants for the City Events and Recognition Committee:

Joan Moffat
Rena Yadrick

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates' qualifications and the current needs of the committee.

16-0271

City Events and Recognitions Committee Interviews [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Joan Moffat to the At-Large No. 2 position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to serve a three-year term to expire July 31, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Strickland

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Rena Yadrack to the At-Large No. 4 position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire July 31, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Strickland

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16-0272

New Sister City Presentation [Carol Wolfe, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:26 a.m., Carol Wolfe, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview of the process to add Boca del Rio, Mexico as Tacoma's 14th Sister City. Gonzalo Delgadillo, Broker One Sun Properties and Martha Cerna, Puget Sound Latino Chamber of Commerce, discussed the history of Veracruz, Mexico, tourist attractions, the Heroic Naval School, Port of Veracruz, culture, University of Veracruz, state map, state information, Boca del Rio and Veracruz Cities, and the Spanish definitions. Mr. Delgadillo continued discussing the city of Boca del Rio, including Mayor Miguel Angel Yunes Marquez, strategic policy lines, city projects, hospitals, universities, libraries, a new port project, and the Nuevo Veracruz project.

Discussion ensued regarding the port and the relation to the City of Veracruz and Boca del Rio, robotics team, criteria needed for a Sister City, population of Boca del Rio, Veracruz port and comparison to City of Tacoma, work plan for Boca del Rio, investments, difference between a Sister City and twin city, and support toward Boca del Rio becoming the 14th Sister City.

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to recommend Boca del Rio, Mexico, as being named Tacoma's, 14th Sister City for consideration to the full City Council.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Thoms and McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. 16-0273 April 12, 2016 - Update on Workforce Development and Job Training in Tacoma

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on April 12, 2016, and topics will include an update on workforce development and job training in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding an update on economic development being promoted in Washington DC for the May 24, 2016 Economic Development Committee meeting, economic development framework, and a update on the Accela software system.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

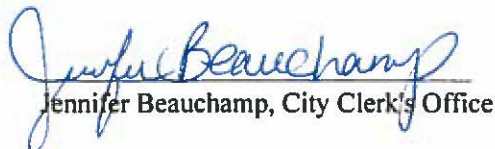
There was no public comment.

Adjournment

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



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office