



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

May 24, 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 10:02 a.m.

Present: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Strickland and Thoms

Approval of Minutes

16-0472 Approval of the minutes of May 10, 2016

MOTION: Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Strickland and Thoms

Briefing Items

16-0477 South Sound Biotech Proof of Concept Center & Academy (Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Pat Beard, Community and Economic Development, Colonel David McCune, Madigan Army Medical Center, Dr. Paul Amoroso, Multicare Institute for Research and Innovation, and Rob Arnold, University of Washington, provided an overview of the South Sound Biotech Proof of Concept Center and Academy, including background information, Federal i6 Challenge Grant, roles of the core partners, issues, alternatives, fiscal impact and concluded by requesting a

recommendation to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the definition of biotech, the difference between incubator and accelerator, current process, funds, terms, existing properties within the City, non-profit origination, and high speed internet.

MOTION: Mayor Strickland moved to recommend to forward the authorization of \$500,000.00 of Urban Development Action Grant funds to the full City Council as a match for this great project.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Mello.

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

Ayes: 4 - Campbell, Mello, Strickland and Thoms

16-0475

Foss Waterway Development Authority Update (Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:29 a.m., Martha Anderson, Community and Economic Development, introduced Su Dowie, Foss Waterway Development Authority, Paul Aigner, and Gary Pedersen, Presbyterian Retirement Communities Northwest (PRCN). Ms. Dowie and Mr. Aigner provided an overview of current development on the Foss Waterway, including the PRCN project, park projects, and finishing the Foss Waterway.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding parking, retail stores, the PRCN construction site, location, costs, roads and pedestrian walk space, mountain view, City support, shoreline design, and the Hollander investment.

16-0474

Accela - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services)

At approximately 11:00 a.m., Peter Huffman, Steve Standley, and Al Raymond, Planning and Development Services, provided an update on the integration of Accela software, including history and surrounding efforts, solutions, benefits, January 2016 launch, issues encountered, solutions to issues, positive results and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding progress, performance, issues, industry standards for wait times, permit costs, current indicators, interaction with other software, payments, refinement for customers, data, challenges, fee schedule, feedback, and possible improvements.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

16-0476

June 14, 2016 - Auto Row Update; Special Events Program Update and Enhancements; Small Business Loans, Entrepreneurial Activities, Façade Loans & Tenant Improvements Programs

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 14, 2016 and topics will include an update on Auto Row, an update on the Special Events Program and enhancements, small business loans, entrepreneurial activities, and façade loans and tenant improvement programs. He stated the June 1, 2016 meeting has been cancelled.

Other Items of Interest

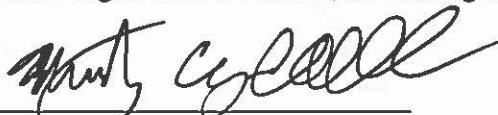
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

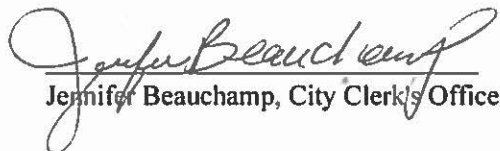
There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office