



# Economic Development Committee Minutes

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

March 11, 2014

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

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Mello.

## **Approval of minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting**

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

## **Economic Development Dashboard Fourth Quarter Report**

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Elly Walkowiak, Community and Economic Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager. Ms. Walkowiak and Ms. Larson reviewed the City of Tacoma Economic Indicators Summary Report for the fourth quarter of 2013, including sales tax revenues, business and occupation (B&O) tax revenues, unemployment rates, building permits, development and industrial performance, business start-ups and closures, and workforce development and small business engagement. Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma, reviewed market shares, container size, and port development. Discussion ensued regarding international investment management firms and City of Tacoma policies relating to B&O taxes. Chair Campbell requested the percentage of sales tax revenue collected within the criminal justice sales tax classification. Council Member Walker requested information on the businesses that fall under the classification of international investment management firms.

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office stated the next meeting will be March 25, 2014 with presentations relating to the Tacoma Arts Commission and the Economic Development trends in the Puget Sound region.

## **Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Walker moved to elect Council Member Boe as Vice Chair and Council Member Campbell as Chair of the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding special events relating to noise code, private and special event permits, and frequency. Discussion continued regarding how staff proposals should be brought to the full Council and sign permitting, including what is required, street occupancy permits, right-of-way permits, the sign installation process, and fabric signs.

## **Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



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Marty Campbell, Chair



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Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



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