



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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

July 23, 2013

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

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker (arrived at 10:13 a.m.)

Chair Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for self-introductions.

Approval of July 9, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2013. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Downtown on the Go!

At approximately 10:04 a.m. Diane Wiatr, Community and Economic Development, introduced Kristina Walker, Downtown on the Go! (DOTG) Manager. Ms. Wiatr provided information about the program and accomplishments. Ms. Walker stated DOTG is a transportation advocate and resource for those whose daily life is in the downtown core of the City of Tacoma. She noted it is a partnership between the City of Tacoma, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, and Pierce Transit, and the goal of the program is to reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles by 11 percent by 2015 to save businesses money, reduce congestion, and increase livability and economic vitality.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 10:13 a.m.

Ms. Walker reviewed the DOTG Advisory Board; bicycle-related initiatives in the City of Chicago, Illinois; and economic development. Discussion ensued regarding right-sized parking lots. She then reviewed jobs; the workforce; downtown vitality; and DOTG programs. Council Member Walker asked if bicycle-for-rent kiosks have been considered for Tacoma's downtown and how helmets are incorporated into the rentals. She then inquired about highlighting different downtown Tacoma business travel routes. Chair Campbell inquired about plans for alternative forms of transportation, such as long boards and skate boards. Ms. Walker concluded with an update on the Live Downtown Program.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is July 30, 2013, and tentative topics include the economic development dashboard quarterly report and a presentation on MLK property development agreements.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Campbell inquired about feather signs and sidewalk permitting/street occupancy permits.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Odette D'Aniello, Tacoma Business Owner.

Applicant Interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee

At approximately 10:48 a.m. the following individuals were interviewed for the City Events and Recognitions Committee:

Jessie K. Baines Jr.
Odette D'Aniello
Roslyn Smith
Tony Painter

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates.

Council Member Walker moved to appoint Jessie K. Baines, Jr. to the District 2 position, Roslyn Smith and Tony Painter to the At-Large positions, and to keep Odette D'Aniello for future consideration. Seconded by Council Member Boe.

Council Member Walker withdrew her previous motion.

Council Member Walker moved to appoint Odette D'Aniello to the District 2 position for a one-year term, and to appoint Jessie K. Baines, Jr., Roslyn Smith, and Tony Painter to the At-Large positions for two-year terms. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office