



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

October 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka, Lillian Hunter,
Victoria Woodards, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Briefing Items

1. [18-1246](#) Parking Changes at Tacoma Dome Station
[Alexandra Mather, Government and Community Relations Officer, Pierce Transit]

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Alexandra Mather, Government and Community Relations Officer, Pierce Transit (PT), introduced Jay Peterson, Transit Development Manager, PT. Mr. Peterson made opening remarks and provided an update on Tacoma Dome Station (TDS) parking management, noting Sound Transit (ST) parking permits, an overview of ST parking spaces and facilities, parking management program highlights, elements of the current high-occupancy vehicle parking permit program, and updates on the single-occupancy vehicle permit expansion. He concluded by reviewing TDS parking, including background, noting the number of spaces near capacity Monday-Friday, a 2015 study recommendation, use of the net revenue, and the estimated net revenue; parking management recommendations; the TDS parking permit schedule; and equity.

Discussion ensued regarding the current relationship with ST and PT regarding management of parking spaces at the TDS, ST input on how the facility is managed, current parking facility cost and utilization, current parking management, current spaces for Freighthouse Square parking, Freighthouse Square vendor concerns, how the remaining 75 percent of the parking spaces are managed, public response, and the current market rate.

Discussion continued on inclusion of Freighthouse Square vendors in discussions, consideration of increasing the percentage of reserved spaces if the original amount of reserved spaces fills up quickly, and if there is a way to survey how many people park and walk to work versus park and catch transit. Discussion concluded on impacts, outreach, an idea of holding discussions with larger employers north of Tacoma to ensure their employees are paying for ORCA passes, how to create better linkage for other communities to reach Tacoma, and opportunities.

2. [18-1247](#) Manufacturing Industrial Council
[Meredith Neal, Manufacturing Industrial Council Director, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber]

At approximately 10:41 a.m., Meredith Neal, Director, Manufacturing Industrial Council, introduced Jackie White, Regional Manager, WestRock, and Ryan Spence, Industrial Products Manager, Richlite/Skatelight, and provided a briefing on the Manufacturing Industrial Council, including the mission and focus. She further reviewed a map of the Tideflats area; results from Port of Tacoma's economic impact study, noting family-wage jobs; economic impacts; and why it is a good time to discuss this plan now. Ms. White and Mr. Spence concluded by providing background and details of the companies they work for in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding WestRock, including the average wage of employees; if the employees have benefits, retirement, and healthcare; and if there are multi-generational employees. Discussion continued on the economic impact study results, creating pathways for Tacoma residents to receive family-wage jobs, and helping build skill-building opportunities. Discussion concluded on an idea to collaborate with Workforce Central, the notation that fact based information is critical in order to support policy decision making, and how industries can partner to support the environmental conservation stewardship quality of life initiatives.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [18-1248](#) October 30, 2018 - To be determined

Chair McCarthy stated the next meeting on October 30, 2018 has no items scheduled at this time. Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the meeting on November 13, 2018 will include interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee and the Tacoma Arts Commission.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the return of Council Member Thoms and either adding a topic to the October 30, 2018 meeting or cancelling it.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

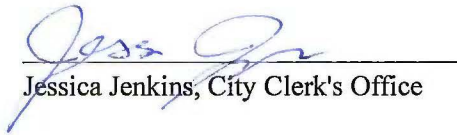
There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.



Conor McCarthy, Chair



Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office