



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 23, 2016

10:00 AM

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

## Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Present:** 3 - Campbell, Strickland and McCarthy

**Absent:** 2 - Mello and Thoms

Council Member McCarthy, alternate, was in attendance.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0146](#) Approval of the minutes of February 9, 2016

**MOTION:** Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member McCarthy.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Strickland and McCarthy

**Absent:** 2 - Mello and Thoms

## Briefing Items

2. [16-0147](#) Puyallup Tribe Emerald Queen I-5 Casino Update [Alisa O'Hanlon, Government Relations Coordinator, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Alisa O'Hanlon, City Manager's Office, Andrew Strobel, Eric Guion, and Rob Quaempts, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, provided an update of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians plan to relocate the Emerald Queen (EQ) Casino I-5, including the proposed permanent facility,

facility design, parking garage, paved parking and road improvements. Discussion ensued throughout regarding parking stalls in the garage, the existing structure, the music venue, phases in construction, street scape improvements, surrounding businesses, casino standards, the urban area, economics between the current building and the new building, employee count with the new EQ, current employees, new jobs created, and public transit access.

3. 16-0148 Catalytic Fund Update [Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development; Elly Walkowiak, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:45 a.m., Pat Beard and Elly Walkowiak, Community and Economic Development, provided an update of the Catalytic project program, including purpose, outcome, policy, funding, geographic focus, priority, use of funds, Municipal Code Change, off-site improvement costs, and concluded by discussing current projects, including 7 seas brewing, Hilltop Transportation Orientated Development , and the Station Artist Lofts. Discussion ensued regarding revenues, changes, requirements, offsite improvements, safety, planning, building, fire and land use codes, facilities, flexibility, and trends in the downtown area.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 16-0149 March 8, 2016 - Q4 2015 Economic Dashboard

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on March 8, 2016, and will include the fourth quarter 2015 Economic Dashboard.

### Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

### Public Comment

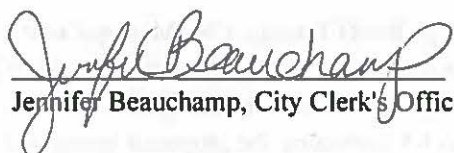
There was no public comment.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office