



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 243

June 13, 2017

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 10:04 a.m.

Present: 3 - Campbell, Strickland and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Mello

Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0597](#) Approval of the minutes of April 25, 2017
2. [17-0598](#) Approval of the minutes of May 9, 2017
3. [17-0599](#) Approval of the minutes of May 23, 2017

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017, May 9, 2017, and May 23, 2017 meetings.

SECONDED BY: Mayor Strickland.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Strickland and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Mello

Briefing Items

4. [17-0600](#) Annual Update on Economic Development Framework
[Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development, presented an overview of the City's five year Economic Development Framework Strategic Plan, including accomplishments from 2016, goals for 2017, and projects and programs included in the City Manager's and Community and Economic Development's upcoming goals. Mr. Noguera stated recent activities include multi-family developments, affordable housing units, revitalization efforts in different districts and neighborhoods around the City, downtown office development and recruitment, arts and culture, small business development and financing, international development and sister cities, industrial development, and adaptive reuse of historical buildings and conversion of government lands to private. He identified the goals for 2017 as multiple units breaking ground, continued growth for businesses as a tenant and through site development, continue holding workshops for small business and establish a loan program, Convention Center hotel breaking ground, mixed use developing building breaking ground, Town Center breaking ground, growth for the Tacoma Sister City Program and development more working relationships, additional jobs created near the tideflats with the industrial expansion, McMenamins plans for renovations, and pursuing a partnership with the Department of Enterprise Services for redevelopment of state owned properties in downtown.

Discussion ensued regarding the focus on redeveloping Freighthouse Square, creating a small loan program for entrepreneurs in neighborhood districts, update on the businesses throughout the South Tacoma Way area, and the Youth Shelter.

5. [17-0601](#) Update on Biotech Incubators
[Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:37 a.m., Pam Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development, introduced David Hirschberg, Ph.D., Paul Amoroso, M.D., and Kristina Maritzak, J.D. of Readiness Acceleration Innovation Network, (RAIN). Dr. Hirschberg explained the concept of RAIN is an innovation that builds businesses and creates jobs, filling a regional gap by utilizing Tacoma's assets while creating a workforce. He stated RAIN will streamline and support a life science innovation through diverse collaborations between experts, practitioners and university students, providing businesses and marketing resources to foster accelerated commercialization of new

products that serve the military, medical and industrial sectors sustaining companies in the local area.

6. [17-0602](#) Urban Waters Clean Water Innovation Partnership Zone
[India Adams, Management Analyst, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 11:00 a.m. India Adams, Management Analyst, Community and Economic Development, introduced Egils Milbergs and Ryan Vogel, Urban Clean Water Innovation Partnership Zone, to discuss implementing a water infrastructure. Mr. Milberg presented the demand for clean water, strengths and challenges, and strategies to meet the needs.

Discussion ensued regarding who would create the partnership and proclaim ownership of this project, devoting the time and leadership.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

7. [17-0603](#) June 27, 2017 - International Development & World Trade Center Update; Port of Tacoma & Seattle SeaPort Alliance Update

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 27, 2017, and will included International Development and World Trade Center update; Port of Tacoma and Seattle SeaPort Alliance update.

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 11:28 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office