



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

May 10, 2016

10:00 AM

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

## Call To Order

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

**Present:** 3 - Mello, Strickland and Thoms

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy, alternate, arrived at 10:17 a.m.

## Approval of Minutes

**16-0405** Approval of the Minutes of March 29, 2016

**16-0407** Approval of the minutes of April 12, 2016

**16-0408** Approval of the minutes of April 26, 2016

**MOTION:** Mayor Strickland moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2016, April 12, 2016 and April 26, 2016 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Mello.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Mello, Strickland and Thoms

**Absent:** 2 - Campbell and McCarthy

## **Briefing Items**

### **16-0409**

Economic Development Framework Strategic Plan (Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Ricardo Noguera, Community and Economic Development, provided an overview on the Economic Development Strategic Framework and Action Plan, including marketing, Tacoma's economic development partners, 2014-2015 key accomplishments, foreign direct investments, new multi-family development projects, historic restoration and adaptive reuse.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 10:17 a.m.

Mayor Strickland requested that Mr. Noguera review the first few slides of the presentation for Council Member McCarthy. Mr. Noguera stated in 2013 the Economic Development Committee launched the Economic Development Framework Strategic Plan. He stated the plan is a five year plan and the focus is on eight different areas. He discussed the focus areas, accomplishments, foreign investments, multi-family developments, historic preservation, arts and cultural activities, industrial and port activities, downtown office recruitment, retention and expansion, small business loans and façade loans, neighborhood revitalization activities, other miscellaneous activities and concluded by discussing projections for 2016-2017, including downtown office recruitment and development, the Brewery and Dome Districts, adaptive reuse and historic preservation, foreign district investment, multi-family developments, industrial and port activities, neighborhood business district revitalization activities, local recruitment for office development, partnerships with public agencies, development along the Foss Waterway, and Neighborhood Business District activities for 2016.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Section 8 housing, Ram restaurant and brewery purchase, marketing, infrastructure, remediation challenges, the lease of Rite Aid, lease to own, Space Works, support of the plan, recruiting, marketing, floor plans, tenant improvement, lease rates, investments, modern office space, City assistance programs, incentives, reduction of permit fees, and focusing on current projects before new projects, and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

### 16-0410

May 24, 2016 - Food Truck Policy Recommendations; Accela Presentation;  
Foss Waterway Development Authority RFI Selection Details

Vice Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on May 24, 2016, and topics will include food truck policy recommendations, a presentation on Accela software, and Foss Waterway Development Authority request for information selection details.

Discussion ensued regarding Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Sue Dowie, Director of the Foss Waterway Development Authority, speaking on the Economic Development Framework Strategic Plan.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

  
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Robert Thoms, Vice Chair  
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Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office