



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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March 23, 2021

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 10:02 a.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0279](#) South Sound Manufacturing Industrial Council Update
[Frank Boykin, Director, Manufacturing Industrial Council]

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived here, at 10:02 a.m.

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Frank Boykin, Director, Manufacturing Industrial Council (MIC), presented an update regarding the MIC, including background; the MIC's mission, vision, approach, the organizational structure, and leadership team; challenges in 2021; transformations through strategic business initiatives; how the MIC will help drive efforts, noting advocating, informing, and engaging; what those efforts will mean for transformation; consequences ahead; anti-racist business; learning while growing; and contact information.

Discussion ensued regarding the MIC's perspective on making the TideFlats Interim Regulations permanent; heavily regulated zones; clarifying what is and is not allowed at the Port; having good information for policy decisions; what the MIC wants for the Tideflats; greener pathways; impacts of continuing

without change; rate issues; conditional use permits and proprietary information; how green manufacturing is defined; renewable fuels; uncertainty of the intent of the regulations; which industries fit with the economy; what green jobs are; regulatory uncertainties; MIC's strategic initiatives; the economic impact of the Tideflats; the Equity Index; the Planning Commission's recommendations, including the need for new recommendations and for a better understanding of the work they performed; not slowing the process any further; potential to hear further from the business community; discussing the potential Tideflats Subarea Plan and regulations further; a potential Committee of the Whole meeting; the MIC's interactions with the Planning Committee.

- 2. [21-0280](#) Downtown Tacoma Partnership
[David Schroedel, Executive Director, Downtown Tacoma Partnership]

Chair Thoms stated this item will be rescheduled to an upcoming meeting.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- 3. [21-0281](#) March 30, 2021 - Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan

Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on March 30, 2021, and will include a presentation on the Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan and, potentially, a presentation on the Downtown Tacoma Partnership.

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 11:47 a.m.



Robert Thoms, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office