



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

**February 26, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter,  
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

## Call To Order

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

**Present:** 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## Briefing Items

19-0172

Green Economy Informational Briefing

[Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development Department]

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD), provided a briefing on the green economy, including an overview, definitions of the term green economy, primary sectors, regional attributes, regional strategies and initiatives, green jobs foundation, Tacoma initiatives, and CEDD actions.

Discussion ensued regarding past initiatives in Tacoma, the definition of a green job and how to condense it, progression at the Port of Tacoma towards more green jobs, K-12 and higher education outreach, green job incentives and credits, green economy and jobs that already exist in Tacoma, and the possible creation of a green jobs task force.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

19-0173

March 12 - Cancelled

March 26 - Economic Development Strategic Plan Update, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership Briefing

Deputy Mayor McCarthy stated the March 12, 2019 meeting is cancelled, and the March 26, 2019 meeting will include the Economic Development Strategic Plan update and a briefing on the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership.

## Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka stated Jeff Klein, Executive Director, Sound Outreach, would like to give a presentation to the Economic Development Committee on the economic impact of Sound Outreach. She further stated that the Community Vitality and Safety Committee might be a better match.

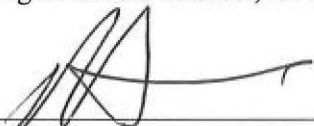

Discussion ensued regarding which Committee the presentation should be brought to.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

  
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Robert Thoms, Chair  
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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office