



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

September 29, 2015

10:00 AM

Chair Marty Campbell, Vice Chair David Boe,
Ryan Mello, Lauren Walker, Robert Thoms (alternate)

Call To Order

Deputy Mayor Boe called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: 3 - Boe, Mello and Walker

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Approval of Minutes

1. 15-1019 Approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2015 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 3 - Boe, Mello and Walker

Absent: 1 - Campbell

Briefing Items

2. 15-1020 Office and Industrial Real Estate Market Strengths and Opportunities in Tacoma/Pierce County; Business Retention, Expansion and Recruitment Strategy [Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development; Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., John Bauder, CBRE, Joel Jones and Mike Hickey, Neil Walter Company, reviewed the office and industrial real

estate market strengths, opportunities and the comprehensive strategy used to strengthen employment within the community including, strengths, opportunities, market size, vacancies, parking, challenges, and current and proposed plans for development. Elly Walkowiak and Pat Beard, Community and Economic Development, Chris Green, Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, provided an overview of the business, retention, expansion and recruitment strategy relative to the business market and expansion efforts that support the economy, including, strategies, strengths, targets, issues, and fiscal impact.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Tacoma's Commercial Business District (CBD), the Burlington Northern site, transportation and parking issues, business challenges, and skilled workers.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [15-1021](#) Our next meeting will be on October 13, 2015

CERC Interviews [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

Food Truck Pilot Program Final Report to Include Rules and Regulations [Kala Dralle, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development Department]

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on October 13, 2015, and will include City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC) Interviews, Food Truck Pilot Program Final Report to include rules and regulations and a Go Local Update.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

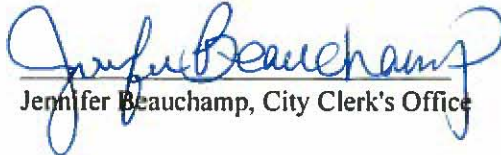
Public comment was heard from Rob Allen, from Pierce County Economic Development Department, speaking on Office and Industrial Real Estate Market Strengths and Opportunities in Tacoma/Pierce County.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



David Boe, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office