

Economic Development Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

July 22, 2014

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Campbell, and Mello.

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2014

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Code Revisions

Charles Wilson, SBE Coordinator, provided background information on the history of the Historically Underutilized Business Office and SBE Programs, and proposed amendments to Chapter 1.07 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Wilson continued to review proposed ordinance revisions relating to personal net worth, replacement of the current certification to an affidavit, and removing the required six years of tax returns. He then reviewed external outreach and public education. Discussion ensued regarding affidavits as certification of being economically/sociologically disadvantaged, feedback from external outreach, proposed language, code definitions, and future dates to review code changes. Chair Campbell requested staff provide a link on the affidavit to the definition the City uses to determine being economically disadvantaged. Council Member Mello requested staff provide a definition for personal net worth. Council Member Walker requested veterans be included on the protected class list, and for staff to review the City's policy on protected classes. Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager, stated staff will remove the recommendation from consideration to the full Council until further vetting concerning the Committee's recommendations can be reviewed.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is July 29, 2014 with a presentation from the Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA). She stated the meeting of August 12, 2014 will have presentations relating to the Neighborhood Business Districts, City Events and Recognitions Committee, and the continuation of the SBE code revisions. Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's scope of work and scheduling of future meetings. Chair Campbell stated the meeting of July 29, 2014 will be cancelled and the FWDA presentation will be rescheduled.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Marty Campbell, Chair

Nicole Erhery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office