



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

January 12, 2016

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Approval of Minutes

1. [15-1434](#) Approval of the minutes of December 08, 2015.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

2. [15-1427](#) Start-up Incubators and Accelerators in Tacoma [Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Pat Beard, Community and Economic Development, presented an overview of the “startup ecosystem” in Tacoma, and introduced four presenters to share information on programs that assist local entrepreneurs starting new businesses; Jak Morosham, The Guild, Magarita Molina, Generation Skill; Thomas Kuljam, Veterans Incubator for

Better Entrepreneurship (VIBE); and Eli Moreno, and Lee Reeves, Surge Tacoma and Surge Launch. They provided background information, and discussed support of community businesses, veteran startups, VIBE entrepreneurship available workshops, and target markets. Discussion ensued regarding retail stores, veteran entrepreneurs staying in Tacoma, and City of Tacoma support of entrepreneurs.

3. **15-1428** Review Draft 2015 End of the Year Report [Brad Forbes, City Manager's Office]

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Brad Forbes, City Manager's Office, presented the 2015 year-end report. He discussed the last year informational briefings, and requests for actions. Discussion ensued regarding past presentations.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to accept the 2015 year-end report.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. **15-1429** January 26, 2016- Q4 2015 Economic Dashboard

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the fourth quarter 2015 Economic Dashboard has been moved to February 9, 2016.

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 11:25 a.m.


Marty Campbell, Chair


Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office