



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

September 22, 2015

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: 3 - Boe, Campbell and Mello

Absent: 1 - Walker

Approval of Minutes

1. [15-0985](#) Approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting
MOTION: Deputy Mayor Boe moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 3 - Boe, Campbell and Mello

Absent: 1 - Walker

Briefing Items

2. [15-0989](#) Port of Tacoma & Seattle Alliance - What does it mean for Tacoma?
[Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development;
John Wolfe, CEO, Port of Tacoma]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Tacoma, provided an overview of the alliance and its impact to the region by bringing Puget Sound's neighboring ports to coordinate their import and export functions and provide a foundation for the nation's foreign ocean-borne trade. He stated the ports of Seattle and Tacoma joined forces to unify

management of marine cargo facilities and business to strengthen the Puget Sound gateway and attract more marine cargo and jobs for the region. He discussed goals, growth, revenue, and issues. He concluded by discussing the alliance between the two cities.

Discussion ensued regarding business activities between the alliances, projects, customers and the Puyallup Tribe.

3. [15-0990](#)

The Growing Tech Industry in Tacoma: Opportunities and Challenges
[Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development; Janine Terrano, CEO, Topia Technology; Brian Forth, President, SiteCrafting]

At approximately 10:31 a.m., Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development, Andrew Fry, Institute of Technology, University of Washington Tacoma, Mike Brown, Vice President of Engineering, IID, and Brian Forth, Chief Executive Officer, SiteCrafting, presented on the growing technology industry and the opportunities in Tacoma, including opportunity growth through startup companies, business expansions, programs offered at the University of Washington Tacoma, building software, available jobs, community, marketing, networking and websites.

Discussion ensued regarding the live downtown program, technology companies and telecommunications and infrastructure.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [15-0991](#)

Our next meeting will be September 29, 2015

Office Retention, Expansion, and Recruitment in Tacoma
[Elly Walkowiak, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development; Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on September 29, 2015, and will include Office Retention, Expansion, and Recruitment in Tacoma.

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 11:24 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office