



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

November 14, 2017

10:00 AM

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

## Call To Order

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**Present:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

## Approval of Minutes

1. [17-1167](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2017.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Thoms moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Mello.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

## Briefing Items

2. [17-1168](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, introduced the candidates to be interviewed for the available positions on the Tacoma Arts Commission. The Committee interviewed Rosie Ayala, Burl Battersby,

RJ Casey, William Elder, Heide Fernandez-Liamazares, Paula Jacobson, Aidan Kelly, Kristina Sutton, and Michelle Douglas.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential candidates.

3. [17-1169](#) MultiFamily Property Tax Exemption (MFPTE) Update.  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 11:24 a.m., Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development, introduced Chuck Depew, National Development Council, who advises government entities on investments in social infrastructure. Ms. Bingham discussed the current market conditions of leasing rates through September 2017 and the use of the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemptions (MFPTE) for 8-year and 12-year developments. Mr. Depew presented the residual land value analyst providing the initial result assumptions, and changes to rent and construction with the impact of the land value. Ms. Bingham stated alterations to the exemption have been considered but are not feasible at this time; however, there are recommendations to promote the 12-year exemption in different ways, while continuing to monitor the development data for future changes to the MFPTE policy.

Discussion ensued regarding the affordable housing aspect compared to the MFPTE policy.

- [17-1168](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to recommend the reappointment of Wanda Thompson to the At-Large No. 4 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2018, to expire December 31, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms**

**Absent: 1 - Strickland**

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to recommend the reappointment of Lynn Wilmot-Stenehjem to the At-Large No. 5 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2018, to expire December 31, 2020.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to recommend the reappointment of Heather Conklin to the Tacoma Public Education Representative position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2018, to expire December 31, 2020.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Rosie Ayala to the At-Large No. 1 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2018, to expire December 31, 2020.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to recommend the appointment Michelle Douglas of to the At-Large No. 6 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2018, to expire December 31, 2020.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

**MOTION:** Council Member Mello moved to recommend the appointment of Paula Jacobson to an At-Large position to be created by the redesignation of the Community Council/Neighborhood Council to At-Large No. 9 on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve an unexpired position, effective January 1, 2018, to expire December 31, 2020.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor 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. [17-1170](#) November 28, 2017 - Adaptive Reuse of the Old Post Office - Past, Present and Future Plans; SBE/LEAP Proposed Code Changes.

This item was not discussed.

## Other Items of Interest

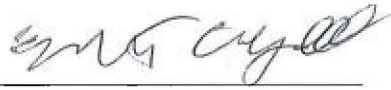
There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

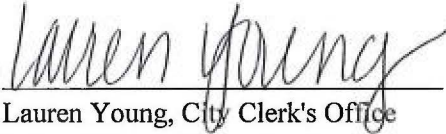
## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.



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Marty Campbell, Chair



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Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office