



# City of Tacoma

## Economic Development

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 243

June 27, 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 10:07 a.m.

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

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

#### Briefing Items

1. [17-0629](#) Northwest Seaport Alliance and Port of Tacoma Update  
[Ricardo Noguera, Director, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:08 a.m., John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer, The Northwest Seaport Alliance and Port of Tacoma, presented an overview of the organizational structure of the SeaPort Alliance. He discussed the financial struggle for carriers, shipping industry dynamics, cargo activities and consolidation, economic impacts, distribution hub on the United States West Coast and the tideflats development projects. Mr. Wolfe stated the port development projects consisted of Prologis Park Tacoma, Avenue 55, Puget Sound Energy LNG Facility, DCT Blair Logistics Center, and IPT Tacoma Logistics Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the strategic plan for partnerships while responding to the change within communities, revolving the business plan to accommodate customer, and serving the industry more effectively.
2. [17-0633](#) International Development and World Trade Center  
[Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

Debbie Bingham, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development, introduced Tom Pierson, Chief Executive

Officer/President, Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, and Michael Fowler, President, Asia Access. Mr. Pierson and Mr. Fowler provided an update on the World Trade Center including trade mission, education and international students, and the China program.

Ms. Bingham presented a brief overview of the foreign direct investment projects in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding the China program and developments of the Convention Center Hotel, Town Center Development, and the use of Tacoma Public Library main parking lot.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [17-0630](#) July 11, 2017 - Neighborhood Business District Program Activity Update; Industrial Activities Update

India Adams, Committee Liason, stated the next meeting will be on July 11, 2017, and will include Neighborhood Business Districts Program activity update and industrial activity update.

### 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 11:19 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office