



# City of Tacoma

## Economic Development

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908

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**January 31, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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**Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,  
Olgy Diaz, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)**

#### Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Daniels and Bushnell

**Absent:** 1 - Diaz

#### Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

#### Briefing Items

1. [23-0087](#) Greater Seattle Partners Update & City Coordination  
[Brian Surratt, President & CEO, Greater Seattle Partners]

At approximately 10:09 a.m., Mayor Woodards, speaking on behalf of her capacity on the Greater Seattle Partners (GSP) Executive Council, provided opening remarks on GSP, including background, and her role on the Executive Council; and introduced Brian Surratt, President and CEO, GSP. Surratt presented an update on GSP, including an overview of its scope, region, Board of Directors, and the Executive Council; Tacoma and Pierce County's 2022 annual report, noting projects that GSP has been leading; regional engagement with Pierce County; international Pierce County representation, noting an international mission to Japan, an image showing locations of inbound delegations that were supported and outbound missions, and Pierce County data shared with official representatives and companies from various countries; the 2023 work plan, noting business attraction, global investment and engagement, the 2023 SelectUSA Spinoff event, Americas Competitiveness Exchange, and an announcement regarding the third Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation senior officials' and ministerial meetings; marketing and communications; research; an excerpt from an

interview he had with Puget Sound Business Journal about equitable economic development; and regional engagement, noting economic activity centers.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding GSP charter changes, relationship development with the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, the number of projects led by GSP that the City has received or have been able to work off of, and what makes Tacoma more competitive as a City and as a region.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [23-0088](#) February 14, 2023- Port of Tacoma Update; Maritime Academy  
February 28, 2023- Spaceworks Tacoma Update  
March 14, 2023- The Future of Waterway Real Estate Developments -  
Sites 9, 10 & 11

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on February 14, 2023, and will include updates on the Port of Tacoma and maritime academy; the February 28, 2023, meeting will include an update on Spaceworks Tacoma; and the March 14, 2023, meeting will include a presentation on the future Foss Waterway real estate developments for sites 9, 10, and 11.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office