



# City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 17, 2018

3:00 PM

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## SPECIAL MEETING

### Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Beale, Blocker, Camarata, Hunter, Ibsen, Mello, Ushka and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 3:15 p.m.

### Briefing Items

1. [18-0390](#) City Council Strategic Priorities Discussion

Mayor Woodards stated the purpose of the meeting. City Manager Elizabeth Pauli made opening remarks and introduced Kim Bedier, Acting Community and Economic Development Director. Ms. Bedier introduced Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Community and Economic Development Director, and provided background information on the future state of the City and main components involved.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 3:15 p.m.

Ms. Bedier reviewed the future state, including the components of strategic plan/actionable economic development plan, jobs, the filling of Class A office space, recruitment of technical/small businesses, gender pay equity, equitable development opportunities, increasing minority and women owned business, and food innovation district.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding career ladder jobs, the focus on Class B and Class C office space, the need for Class A office space, current market demands, commercial rents, infrastructure needs, and tenant improvement funds. Discussion continued on the utilization of Click!, relationships involved with Startup253, and development of neighborhood

business districts. Discussion continued on gender pay equity, including the Washington State Equal Opportunity Pay Act; affordable child care; and paid family leave. Discussion concluded on food innovation district, the development of partnerships, and the economic development strategy.

## **Adjournment**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

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Doris Sorum, City Clerk