



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 10, 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 10:12 a.m.

Present: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Walker and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Mello

Approval of Minutes

1. 15-0125 Approval of the minutes of January 27, 2015

MOTION: Vice Chair Boe moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2015.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Walker and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Mello

Briefing Items

2. 15-0126 Applicant Interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

Chair Campbell stated the only item on today's meeting is applicants for the City Events and Recognition Committee and of the two applicants scheduled, one withdrew and the other has not arrived. He called on Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, for a briefing on vacancies. Ms. Watts stated there are currently five vacancies and four members, representing Districts 2 and 3 and two at-large positions. Council Member Walker inquired if there has been any outreach to people asking why they resigned and if the work is too taxing.

Ms. Watts confirmed members are not always aware of the time commitment and amount of work and many find they do not have the time required to fulfill the commitment. Discussion ensued regarding the work of the City Events and Recognition Committee and City Manager T.C. Broadnax noted staff held a discussion yesterday on the transition of this committee and the support for special events. Discussion ensued regarding the vision for the committee, the need for professional experience in planning events, and the need to do more with events to celebrate the diversity of the community.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. 15-0127 February 24, 2015 - Foss Waterway Development Authority Update and Fourth Quarter 2014 Economic Indicators Report

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is February 24, 2015 and will include an update on the Foss Waterway Development Authority and a presentation on the economic indicators report. She stated the full set of economic indicators for the year can be added as a supplemental report to the end of year report for the Committee. Ms. Gallagher then stated on March 10, 2015, RockTenn will be at the meeting to provide an informational briefing on their company, the types of jobs they employ here, and future plans.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.


Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.


Marty Campbell, Chair


Wendy Fowler, City Clerk's Office