



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

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

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February 14, 2023

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Vice Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Council Members Diaz and Rumbaugh participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0146](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 27, 2022, meeting
2. [23-0147](#) Approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2022, meeting

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the September 27 and November 8, 2022, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.

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

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Diaz and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Blocker

Briefing Items

3. [23-0137](#) Port of Tacoma Economic Development Update
[Eric Johnson, Executive Director, Port of Tacoma]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Eric Johnson, Executive Director, Port of Tacoma, presented an update on the Port of Tacoma, including markets served; cargo activities in 2021, noting containers, automobiles, breakbulk, and grain; top trading partners and commodities in 2021, noting imports and exports; environmental leadership, noting the environmental programs focus areas; the Clean Air Strategy, noting the vision and implementation plans; land remediation and clean up; habitat site mitigation and restoration, noting maps of the Hylebos Creek and tideflats; the Strategic Plan, noting the five foundational goal areas; economic development, noting two primary waterways in the tideflats; industrial lands, noting a new warehouse development; workforce development, noting the major initiatives; and transportation advocacy, noting priority projects.

Discussion ensued regarding illegal camping in the Port of Tacoma, the usage of logistical space, the process of transloading, the reason for needing to deepen the waterways in the Port of Tacoma, challenges with the Canyon Road project, the cost effectiveness of using rail into Frederickson, if the Port of Tacoma has been involved with the proposed Pierce County airport, the budget gap for the State Route 167 project, if there is enough space to stage vehicles with the proposed Kia and Hyundai consolidation in Tacoma, industrial acquisitions and challenges in South Tacoma, the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, the timeline for dredging in the Port of Tacoma, if auto processing is included or will be expanded at the Port of Tacoma, and auto operation expansion.

4. [23-0138](#) Youth Marine Center
[Dr. Josh Garcia, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools;
Deborah Trevorrow, Workforce Partnership Specialist, Community & Economic Development]

At approximately 10:47 a.m., Deborah Trevorrow, Contract and Program Auditor, Community and Economic Development (CED), introduced Adam Kulaas, Director of Innovative Learning and Career and Technical Education, and Dr. Josh Garcia, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools (TPS); Kacee Woods, Principal Housing Analyst, CED; and Monique Valenzuela, CEO, Youth Marine Foundation; and presented on the Maritime Skills Center (Maritime 253), including an

agenda. Kulaas and Garcia presented on Maritime 253, noting background, the difference between a skill center and a school, and commitments; partnerships and pathways; highlights from spring and summer of 2022; current resource exploration and communication; and plans for the spring of 2023 and beyond. Trevorrow concluded by presenting on workforce development and human capital, noting alignment with the City's objective to create a trained, future-ready workforce with the Summer Jobs 253 program, the Youth Marine Foundation, Foundation for Tacoma Students, and the Tacoma Training and Employment Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the Maritime 253's affiliation with the Sea Scouts, outreach, those who qualify to use the skills center, partnerships, engagement with students that are disengaged from TPS, the number of students enrolled at TPS, and policy creation.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [23-0141](#) February 28, 2023 - Tacoma Downtown Partnership; Spaceworks Update
March 14, 2023 - The Future of Foss Waterway Real Estate Developments -
 Sites 9, 10, 11
March 28, 2023 - Citywide Business Survey; Equity in Contracting Year End
 Report

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on February 28, 2023, and will include presentations on the Downtown Tacoma Partnership, and Spaceworks Tacoma; the March 14, 2023, meeting will include a presentation on the future of Foss Waterway real estate developments for sites 9, 10, and 11; and the March 28, 2023, meeting will include presentations on the Citywide business survey, and the Equity in Contracting year end report.

Other Items of Interest

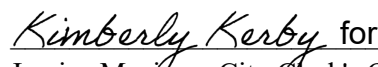
There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Kimberly Kerby for
Jessica Mazique, City Clerk's Office