



Economic Development Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 27, 2013

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Campbell, and Mello.

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker.

Approval of July 30, 2013 and August 13, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2013 and August 13, 2013 meetings. Seconded by Council Member Mello. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Berger Library Trust

Susan Odencrantz, Tacoma Public Library Director, reviewed the Berger Trust Fund, including background information, the amount of funds received, and use restrictions. She then reviewed the Berger Trust Project, which includes a proposal to use funds from the Berger Trust to create a data and research portal to provide access for City staff to databases covering the subjects of demography, marketing, the economy and economic forecasting, business and industry, and real estate. Ms. Odencrantz stated she has been working with Jack Kelanic, Information Technology Interim Director, regarding the establishment of a data portal to access public information, and Mr. Kelanic is in the process of drafting preliminary plans. Ms. Odencrantz then reviewed internal and external groups who may be interested in using the data portal, expectations from the Library Board of Trustees, the vendor selection process, and the long-term vision for the portal. Discussion ensued regarding the Berger Trust, whether funding for the data portal can be maintained after all funds from the trust are used, and potential partnerships with locals schools and colleges.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated there are no topics scheduled for the meeting on September 10, 2013; and the September 24, 2013 meeting will include information from job training agencies, including Bates and Clover Park Technical Colleges, Tacoma Community College, and Workforce Central. She then stated this Committee will need to schedule an interview for the City Events and Recognitions Committee (CERC). Discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee should cancel the September 10, 2013 meeting or use the time to interview the CERC applicant. Chair Campbell stated the CERC applicant will be interviewed at the September 10, 2013 meeting and the start time will be moved to 11:00 a.m. since there will only be one topic for the meeting.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Mello stated he requested additional information regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale of the property located at South 21st Street and Jefferson Avenue to make sure the University of Washington Tacoma Campus is not interested in the property.

Chair Campbell requested an update on City-owned properties classified as Tier 1 pursuant to the City's Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property. Council Member Mello stated he requested staff review all responses to RFP's regarding the sale of Tier 1 properties to ensure the use of the property will align with the City's vision and policies. Chair Campbell and Council Member Boe requested an update on Pierce County's plans for a new office location and how it affects the downtown area.

Public Comment

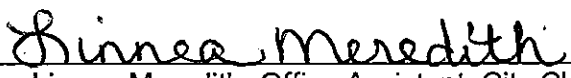
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office