



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

September 09, 2014

10:00 AM

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Chair Marty Campbell, Vice Chair David Boe,  
Ryan Mello, Lauren Walker, Robert Thoms (alternate)

## Call To Order

**Present:** 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

## Approval of Minutes

1. 14-0794 Minutes of August 26, 2014.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 26, 2014.  
**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Walker.  
**ACTION:** Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.  
Ayes: 4 - Boe, Campbell, Mello and Walker

## Briefing Items

2. 14-0795 **Report from Foss Waterway Seaport** - Informational briefing on the progress of the Foss Waterway Seaport facility renovations  
[Su Dowie, Executive Director, Foss Waterway Development Authority; Wesley Wenhardt, Executive Director, Foss Waterway Seaport]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Su Dowie, Foss Waterway Development Authority Executive Director, provided background information on the Foss Waterway. Wesley Wenhardt, Foss Waterway Seaport Director, provided background information on the Foss Seaport, including its role on the Foss Waterway, the warehouse on Balfour Dock, preserving Tacoma's history, and community collaborations. He then provided an overview of the facility, funding, cultural and educational experiences, achievements, renovation timelines, investments, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding how to get

to the seaport, signage, bicycling, seaplane landing area enforcements, public restrooms, museums, additional signage in other languages, parking on Dock Street, utility upgrades, development, timelines, and elevator access.

3. 14-0796 **First and Second Quarter 2014 Economic Indicators Report - Informational briefing on key economic indicators for the first and second quarters of 2014 [Debbie Bingham, International Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]**

At approximately 10:44 a.m., Debbie Bingham, Community and Economic Development, reviewed the First and Second Economic Indicators, including building permits, development and industrial performance, economic sectors, employment sectors, unemployment rates, business start-ups and closures, workforce development, and small business engagement. Discussion ensued regarding business and occupation tax revenues, and looking at sales versus sales tax revenue as an economic indicator. Chair Campbell requested information regarding new business licenses for physical store fronts in the City, and a breakdown of licenses for businesses from outside of City limits.

### **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

4. 14-0797 September 23, 2014 - Neighborhood Business District Program Review Draft Recommendations

Anita Gallagher, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is September 23, 2014 with a presentation on the draft recommendations from the Neighborhood Business District Program. Discussion ensued regarding when the Small Business Enterprise code revisions will be brought back to this Committee.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Discussion ensued regarding funding requests from the Broadway Center For the Performing Arts.

### **Public Comment**

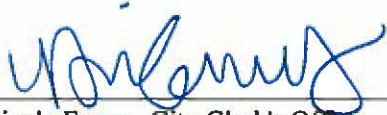
There was no public comment.

## Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



Marty Campbell, Chair



Nicole Emery, City Clerk's Office