



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

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

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September 26, 2023

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Diaz and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Bushnell

Vice Chair Daniels participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-0919](#) Business License Fees Update
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager, Finance]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Danielle Larson, Tax and License Division Manager, Finance, provided opening remarks and presented an update on the business license fees, including background, noting Substitute Ordinance No. 28838 passed in December 2022, which established license fees and created a five tier structure, and gross income of the 2022, 2023, and 2024 fees; stakeholder outreach and feedback, noting public safety, homelessness, permitting and zoning, economic development, housing for their workforce, communication, customer service, support for business, and stability and predictability; and staff's recommendations, noting the Committee needs to make a recommendation to the City Council by September 30, 2023, no changes to the 2023 or the 2026 license fees, and tier changes, and that staff will return in about one-year to make recommendations for fee changes in the 2027-2028 biennium.

Discussion ensued regarding the fees for gross income amounts, clarification

