



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 26, 2016

10:00 AM

**Chair Marty Campbell, Ryan Mello,
Marilyn Strickland, Robert Thoms, Conor McCarthy (alternate)**

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0716](#) Approval of the Minutes of July 12, 2016

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Mello moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Campbell, Mello and Thoms

Absent: 1 - Strickland

Briefing Items

2. [16-0717](#) International Development and World Trade Center Tacoma (Martha Anderson, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development)

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Martha Anderson, Community and Economic Development, provided brief opening remarks on the international development programs offered by the World Trade Center Tacoma, including areas of international focus and partnership. Ms. Anderson introduced Michael Fowler, World Trade Center Tacoma's Fuzhou Trade Project, and

Louise Tieman, World Trade Center Tacoma. Ms. Tieman discussed the World Trade Center Tacoma, including membership, services, the Minority Business Development Agency grant, trade missions, strategic initiative, regional center, and the 23rd Annual Globe Awards. Mr. Fowler discussed the China Program, including background information, key accomplishments, raising awareness, education, economic impact, investment projects, opportunities, assets, relationships, Tacoma Trade Pavilion in Fuzhou, China, environmental services, and expansion into Asian markets. Ms. Anderson concluded by discussing international development.

Discussion ensued regarding costs of the Experience China summer camp, local businesses and the World Trade Center, foreign investments, and the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [16-0718](#) August 9, 2016 - CERC Interviews; Office and Industrial Real Estate Market Strengths and Opportunities in Tacoma/Pierce County

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 9, 2016, and topics will include interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee, and office and industrial real estate market strengths and opportunities in Tacoma and Pierce County.

Discussion ensued regarding topics for upcoming meetings.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Marty Campbell, Chair

Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office