



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

January 10, 2017

10:00 AM

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

## Call To Order

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

**Present:** 2 - Campbell and Mello

**Absent:** 2 - Strickland and Thoms

Council Member McCarthy, alternate, was in attendance.

## Approval of Minutes

- [17-0033](#) Approval of the minutes of December 13, 2016  
**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting.**  
  
**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**  
  
**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**  
**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and McCarthy  
**Absent:** 2 - Strickland and Thoms

## Briefing Items

- [17-0031](#) Technology Sector Update  
[Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development]  
  
At approximately 10:05 a.m., Pat Beard, Project Manager, Community and Economic Development, provided a brief overview of growing tech firms in Tacoma and introduced Shadrach White, CloudPWR, Evan Brubaker, Accumula, Jared Potter, RedQuarry and Andrew Fry, University of Washington Tacoma Institute for Technology, who presented the functions of their companies and why they are located in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding future opportunities for tech businesses in Tacoma, an increase in funding availability, potential hiring and marketing initiatives, intercity transportation, networking, potential creation of research centers, and the ability to introduce tech programs through education to target a younger demographic.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3.      [17-0032](#)      January 24, 2017 - 2016 Farmers Markets Annual Report

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on January 24, 2017, and will include the 2016 Farmers Markets Annual Report.

## Other Items of Interest

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to elect Marty Campbell as Chair of the Committee.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and McCarthy

**Absent:** 2 - Strickland and Thoms

**MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to appoint Deputy Mayor Thoms as Vice Chair of the Committee.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Campbell, Mello and McCarthy

**Absent:** 2 - Strickland and Thoms

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Marty Campbell, Chair

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Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office