



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

**January 24, 2017**

**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 Strickland

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## Briefing Items

1. [17-0073](#) Farmers Market Economic Update  
[Shari Hart, Program Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:07 a.m., Shari Hart, Program Specialist, Community and Economic Development, introduced Stacy Carkonen, Executive Director of the Tacoma Farmers Market, and Karen Bowes, Manager of the Proctor Farmers Market. Ms. Carkonen and Ms. Bowes presented the Farmers Market Economic Activity Report, including an overview of the economic impacts of the markets, small business incubation, community health impacts and concerns, equity and diversity outreach, and trends on the horizon. Mayor Strickland requested an expense worksheet on the markets in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding incentive programs, hybrid models for the Eastside and South Tacoma Farmers Markets, revenue and potential funding, and greater impact on the community.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2.     [17-0074](#)     January 31, 2017 - 2016 Q2 and Q3 Economic Dashboard;  
Downtown Office Incentive Program

Brad Forbes, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on January 31, 2017, and will include Q2 and Q3 Economic Dashboard, an update on the Downtown Office Incentive Program, and the 2016 Economic Development Committee's Year End Report.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Mr. Jim Rich, speaking on the homeless shelter scheduled for the January 24, 2017 City Council meeting.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

---

Marty Campbell, Chair

---

Lauren Young, City Clerk's Office