



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 12, 2018

10:00 AM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Catherine Ushka, Lillian Hunter,
Victoria Woodards, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Beale

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Council Member Beale, alternate, was in attendance.

Briefing Items

1. [18-0619](#) Joint Base Lewis-McChord Regional Economic Impact
[Bill Adamson, Program Director, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Bill Adamson, Program Director, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP), introduced Tom Knight, Chief of Staff, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), and presented background information on SSMCP and JBLM. Mr. Adamson provided background information on the JBLM regional economic impact analysis, noting the problem statement, research project involvement, core purpose, values, and key activities. He continued on phase one, the graduate student research project, and phase two, the economic impact analysis dashboard. He presented an overview of the analytic results, noting authoritative data, the number of military retirees living within a close vicinity of JBLM and the use of JBLM services, and 2017 defense contracts, noting cities within Pierce County and the impact of defense contracts on McChord Air Force Base. Mr. Adamson concluded on the path forward, noting next steps and funding.

Discussion ensued regarding spin-off jobs and their involvement with JBLM, retail expenditures of base retail and off-base retail, transportation and economic activity, connection between the City to JBLM, companies that

collaborate with JBLM for expansion or relocation, turnover with the base transition programs, opportunity for workforce development, direct pathways to entice service members, and employment assistance and intern programs. Discussion continued on a Level I Trauma facility on base, healthcare professional jobs on base, how the City can help with obstacles, the Tacoma Trauma Trust, consistent training programs, and recruitment of jobs on base. Discussion concluded on housing on base and concepts for the housing crisis.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [18-0620](#) June 26, 2018 - Advanced Manufacturing Industry Landscape; Workforce Development

Chair McCarthy stated the next meeting will be on June 26, 2018, and will include advanced manufacturing industry landscape and workforce development. He stated the meeting on July 10, 2018 will include a Port of Tacoma and Seattle Seaport Alliance update, and traditional fuel eco-system in Tacoma.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Beale stated he is interested in having a discussion regarding cross-laminated timber manufacturing, and Council Member Hunter noted Clover Park Technical College has training opportunities for advanced manufacturing.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office