



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 10, 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 10:03 a.m.

Present: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Mayor Woodards arrived at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-0770](#) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2018

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, McCarthy and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Woodards

Briefing Items

2. [18-0767](#) Advance Manufacturing at Clover Park Technical College
[Claire Korschinowski, Dean for Instruction, Aerospace, Technology, Manufacturing, and Workforce]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Dr. Joyce Loveday, President, Clover Park Technical College (CPTC), made opening remarks, introduced

Dr. Claire Korschinowski, Dean for Instruction, CPTC, and presented background information on the Center of Advanced Manufacturing Technologies.

Mayor Woodards arrived here, at 10:07 a.m.

Dr. Korschinowski provided background information on the programs of the School for Advanced Manufacturing, including Mechatronics, Nondestructive Testing, Manufacturing, Advanced Composites, and Operating Management; noting skills, job placement rates, and employer partners.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the average wage of job placement in the Mechatronics program, job placement statistics of the Operations Management program, transition support for job placement, transfer rates, employer partnerships, training scheduling, class schedules, cost of tuition, tuition assistance, partnership with local high schools, and enrollment numbers within these programs. Discussion continued on the average age of students, employer relations, faculty connections to the industries, advisory board member participation, funding partners, scholarships, and equipment contributions. Discussion concluded on opportunities for the City to support programs at CPTC.

3. [18-0769](#)

Port of Tacoma & Seattle SeaPort Alliance Update

[Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development Department]

At approximately 10:37 a.m., John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Seaport Alliance, made opening remarks and provided background information on the Port of Tacoma. Mr. Wolfe presented on marine cargo; noting auto, breakbulk, logs, bulk commodities, international containers, and domestic cargo. He provided background information on major exports and imports, the state of the industry, investments in wharf and cranes, job creations at the Port of Tacoma, consumer markets, comparisons to other jurisdictions, challenges and opportunities, environmental standards, warehousing and distribution, stakeholders, economic impact, and community engagement.

Discussion ensued regarding jobs and economic impact, partnership with the University of Washington Tacoma, family wage jobs, and other States that are dependent on the Port of Tacoma. Discussion continued on environmental impacts, the Clean Air Strategy, alternate fuel sources, positive and negative impacts, congestion, infrastructure investment, and educating the community about the Port.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [18-0772](#) July 24, 2018 - Interviews for City Events and Recognitions Committee

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting on July 24, 2018 will include interviews for the City Events and Recognitions Committee, and the meeting on July 30, 2018 will include a presentation from Jeff Robinson, the new Community and Economic Development Department Director.

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 was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office