



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 243

July 10, 2019

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter,
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the special meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0710](#) Approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. [19-0708](#) Council Policy Priorities for Economic Development Committee

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office, presented a brief background on the City Council policy priorities, including the 2019 City Council Strategic Planning Work Session, the Committee of the Whole follow-up and action plan development, and distribution of the Work Session summary and follow-up document. Mr. Wille outlined the meeting objectives, noting a review of Council retreat priorities, clarification for each policy objective, consideration of additional policy items, identifying actions for each policy, and organizing the Economic Development Committee (EDC) calendar. Council Members reviewed the 2019 Council retreat priorities and agreed the policies are within the scope of EDC. Mr. Wille requested clarification for each policy objective, including infill development, critical infrastructure, workforce support, feelings of neighborhoods, food innovations, and downtown revitalization. He further requested a review of additional topic items, including opportunity zones follow-up, lead agency discussion, secure and clean initiative, and Business Improvement Area (BIA) options for Tacoma; and concluded by identifying actions for each policy, organization of EDC's calendar of Council Members' top ten policy priorities, and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding Council retreat policy priorities, if the priority policies are within the scope of EDC, a neighborhood focused impact survey, parking codes and policies, infill development, critical infrastructure, zoning, strategic alignment to other regional buckets, workforce support, high school diploma assistance programs, food deserts, incentives for investing in grocery stores, and downtown revitalization. Discussion continued regarding opportunity zones follow-up, a lead agency discussion, secure and clean initiative, BIA options for Tacoma, actions for each policy, top ten policy priorities, and calendaring the policy priorities.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [19-0709](#) July 23, 2019 - Local Revitalization Financing Presentation

Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on July 23, 2019 and will include a presentation on local revitalization financing.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Robert Thoms, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office