



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

**August 13, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

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

## Call To Order

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

**Present:** 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

## Approval of Minutes

[19-0840](#)

Approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

## Briefing Items

[19-0841](#)

Foss Waterway Development Authority Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing three applicants for the Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA), including Michael Miller and Joseph Zawacki, who are seeking reappointment. She stated that Brianne Tyler was scheduled to interview, but was unable to attend. Ms. Sorum concluded by stating there are two positions open on the FWDA.

The Committee interviewed Michael Miller, Joseph Zawacki, and Owen Dahl.

Norm Gollub, Executive Director, FWDA, offered additional information regarding the open positions.

Discussion ensued regarding Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park and Waterway Park, FWDA projects, and applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the reappointment of Michael Miller to the Foss Waterway Development Authority to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the reappointment of Joseph Zawacki to the Foss Waterway Development Authority to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

**19-0862**

Ensuring a Safe, Clean, and Sanitary Downtown

[Andrew Torres, Assistant Division Manager, and Lewis Griffith, Division Manager, Environmental Services; Don Ramsdell, Police Chief]

At approximately 10:48 a.m., Andrew Torres, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services, presented test case options for a clean and sanitary downtown, including Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Solid Waste concerns; contributing factors to BIA concerns; the proposed test area; the public litter can proposal; and three proposals for Solid Waste commercial collection, noting a centralized collection system, daily garbage collection, and evening garbage collection. Mr. Torres concluded by

reviewing the proposal summary, outreach, and next steps. Don Ramsdell, Police Chief, provided information regarding the operational plan for the BIA safety and crime issues, including the amount of offenses, patrols during high crime timeframes, and the partnership with BIA Security Patrol officers.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding how the test case relates to the safe and clean initiative, test case metrics, public litter can costs and placement, the centralized collection system, and benefits and cons of each option. Discussion continued regarding diverting budget savings from other programs to the test case, BIA responsibilities, security partnerships, increased police presence in the BIA, and using cameras as deterrents.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

### 19-0863

August 27, 2019 - Commercial Tenant Overview; Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group Briefing

Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on August 27, 2019 and will include briefings on commercial tenant regulations and the Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Mike Hargreaves, Stadium Thriftway, speaking on impacts to Stadium District businesses from light rail construction.
2. Denny Faker, Bayside Gardens Apartments and the North Slope Coffee House, speaking on impacts to Stadium District businesses from light rail construction.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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Robert Thoms, Chair

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Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office