



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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October 13, 2020

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0669](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 22, 2020, meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. [20-0670](#) City Events and Recognitions Committee Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing six applicants for the City Events and

Recognitions Committee and that Wilton Waverly was the seventh but withdrew. She further stated that there are currently six positions vacant, all consisting of unexpired terms; these interviews were originally scheduled for May 12, 2020 but had to be rescheduled due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of meetings at that time; and the vacant positions include At-Large Nos. 5 and 6, and Council District Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5. Ms. Sorum further informed the Committee that Ashley Jones has moved out of District No. 4 where she is currently assigned, and to continue to serve, Ms. Jones would need to be reassigned to District No. 3, where she can continue to serve with the same term length.

The Committee interviewed Ann Zimmerman, Luis Alonzo, Stephanie Caldwell, Aleecia Ramsey-Gonzalez, Jessica Johnston, and Rosie Delcid-Castillo.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicant that requested reassignment and vacant positions.

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the reassignment of Ashley Jones from the "Council District No. 4" position to the "Council District No. 3" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to continue her term, to expire June 30, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Rosie Delcid-Castillo to the "Council District No. 4" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Stephanie Caldwell to the "Council District No. 5" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Luis Alonzo to the "At-Large No. 5" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Jessica Johnston to the "At-Large No. 6" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Ann Zimmerman to the "Council District No. 1" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2021, followed by a three-year term to expire June 30, 2024.

ACTION: The motion failed due to lack of a Second.

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Aleecia Ramsey-Gonzalez to the "Council District No. 2" position on the City Events and Recognitions Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2021, followed by a three-year term to expire June 30, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

Ayes: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [20-0671](#) October 27, 2020 - Juneteenth Celebration
- Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on October 27, 2020, and will include a presentation on the Juneteenth celebration. Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated that meeting will also include a presentation on the Curbside Café and Market Program.

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 adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Robert Thoms, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office