City of Tacoma
Economic Development
Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

June 11, 2019

10:00 AM

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 10:01 a.m.

Present: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka
Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Approval of Minutes

1. **19-0568** Approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.
Ayes: 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka
Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. **19-0569** Green Economy Update
[Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), presented a green economy update, including the purpose, review and update, green jobs

incentive, CED ongoing actions, and a green building program update. Clifford Armstrong, Neighborhood and Community Services Program Manager, CED, introduced the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) workforce program.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding requirements for the EPA workforce program, veteran enrollment in the program, City advertising of the green jobs incentive, further defining green jobs and businesses, ways to increase use of the incentives, and next steps.

3. 19-0570 Green Economy: Workforce Training
[Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:33 a.m., Ms. Fletcher introduced Brandon Rogers, Associate Dean for Health, Client, Business and Human Services, Clover Park Technical College (CPTC). Mr. Rogers presented the CPTC green economy training, including an enrollment snapshot; program tree; the Zero Energy House project; the Environmental Sciences and Technology program, the Interior Design program, and the Early Childhood Education program, in terms of making these programs more environmentally sustainable; and the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Technology.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding graduation rates, transfer programs, keeping in contact with graduates, the tie between graduation and funding, high school programs at CPTC and Bates Technical College, and funding for the high school technical programs.

4. 19-0571 Commercial Office Space Development Incentive
[Gloria Fletcher, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:58 a.m., Ms. Fletcher presented the commercial office space development incentive, including an overview, background, the Tacoma 2025 alignment, the project goal and timeline, and recommendations.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding multi-family tax credits, commercial office uses and impact, office space being marketed to draw jobs to Tacoma, creating a financial model to see the impact, timeline for an ordinance and public hearing, and best ways to move forward.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. 19-0572 June 25, 2019 - City Events and Recognitions Committee interviews; and Business Improvement Area options in Tacoma

Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on June 25, 2019, and will include an update on the commercial office space development incentive.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development, introduced Michael Catsi, the new Economic Development Manager for Tacoma Public Utilities.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Robert [illegible], Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office