



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 11, 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 10:04 a.m.

Present: 3 - Blocker, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Blocker participated telephonically.

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0049](#) Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 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. [20-0050](#) Election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to elect Council Member Thoms as Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the year 2020.

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: Council Member Ushka moved to elect Council Member McCarthy as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the year 2020.

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

Item No. 4 was addressed before Item No. 3.

4. [20-0051](#) Economic Development Committee 2019 Year-End Report
[Tadd Wille, Executive Liaison to the Economic Development Committee]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, presented the 2019 Year-End Report, including informational briefings and requests for action taken throughout the year, categories, and additional topic areas that were not reviewed.

Discussion ensued regarding information received, the number of requests for action taken, and City Council priorities.

3. [20-0052](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:11 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing two applicants for the Tacoma Arts Commission, who were unable to attend the interviews at the November 12, 2019 meeting, where the Committee requested to interview them in person. She concluded by stating there is one “At-Large” position open, which is an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2022.

The Committee interviewed Shawn Lund and MaryMikel Stump.

5. [20-0053](#) Integrating Local Revitalization Financing and Transportation System Improvements
[Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development; Dana Brown, Assistant Division Manager, and Eric Huseby, Parking Services Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 10:26 a.m., Chair Thoms made opening remarks. Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development, introduced Dana Brown, Assistant Division Management, Public Works, and presented the local revitalization financing (LRF) and transportation system improvements, including an overview; LRF program summary; LRF investment best practices; the proposed transportation system investment model, noting three steps; five evaluation indicators; and investment model advantages. Mr. Brown reviewed the comparative analysis of four downtown Tacoma areas using the investment model and evaluation indicators, the integration of parking study data, and key points.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding boundaries and constraints on the LRF funds, the “Graffiti Garage” parcel, data sets of predictability, general boundaries of the analysis locations, spaces lost in the Dome district, and ride share services.

6. [20-0118](#) Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Appointment Process
[Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Tacoma Venues and Events]

At approximately 11:14 a.m., Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator, Tacoma Venues & Events (TVE), introduced Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager, and Clarissa Gines, Tacoma Creates Coordinator, TVE. Ms. McBride presented the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board appointment process, including background, recommended timeline, outreach, criteria, and a statistical breakdown of applicants.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach, making the opportunity more apparent during outreach, equity, the Municipal Code, available seats for appointment, steps moving forward, getting more applicants, being more geographically dispersed, and changing underlying policy now versus later.

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Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' background and experience.

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of MaryMikel Stump to the "At-Large No. 7" position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 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

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

7. **20-0054** February 25, 2020 - Quarterly Collaboration, Downtown Parking Occupancy Study and the Tacoma Dome District Parking and Access Study, and Waste Stream Mapping Update

Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on February 25, 2020 and will include presentations on Quarterly Collaboration, Downtown Parking Occupancy Study and the Tacoma Dome District Parking and Access Study, and Waste Stream Mapping.

Other Items of Interest

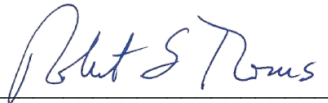
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



Robert Thoms, Chair



Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office