City of Tacoma
Economic Development
Committee Minutes

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September 01, 2020

10:00 AM

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

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the special meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

4. 20-0556 Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
[Michelle Emery, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Michelle Emery, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, informed the Committee that during the August 25, 2020, Economic Development Committee meeting and August 27, 2020, special meeting, 16 applicants were interviewed for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board; and today, the Committee will be making their recommendation for appointments.

Lisa Jaret, Staff Liaison, Tacoma Creates, provided insight on the applicant selection process.

Approval of Minutes

1. **20-0553** Approval of the minutes of the July 21, 2020, special meeting

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020, special meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

2. **20-0554** Approval of the minutes of the August 25, 2020, meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

3. **20-0555** Approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2020, special meeting

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2020, special meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

20-0556 Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
[Michelle Emery, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office]

Discussion ensued regarding applicants' qualifications, Board positions, and term length.

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Putter Bert to the "Council District 2" position to serve a one-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Dominica Myers to the "Council District 3" position to serve a one-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Roxane Hreha to the "Public Education" position to serve a one-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Liesl Santkuyl to the "Council District 1" position to serve a two-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Megan Clark to the "Council District 5" position to serve a two-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Michael (Tony) Hudson to the "Culture" position to serve a two-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Davon White to the "Community Engagement" position to serve a two-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Kenya Adams to the "Arts" position to serve a three-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Sheree Cooks to the "Council District 4" position to serve a three-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Jason Gamboa to the "Heritage" position to serve a three-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Amanda Figueroa to the "Science" position to serve a three-year term effective September 1, 2020, to expire August 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. 20-0557 September 8, 2020 - Cancelled
September 22, 2020 - Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan

Chair Thoms stated the September 8, 2020, meeting has been cancelled, and the September 22, 2020, meeting will include a presentation regarding the Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Robert Thoms, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office