



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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February 09, 2021

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.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Blocker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0124](#)

WorkForce Central and City Coordination

[Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central]

At approximately 10:01 a.m., Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development, gave opening remarks and introduced Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central. Ms. Condit gave an informative briefing on WorkForce Central and Coordination with the City, including goals; mission; relationships with other agencies; bridging the gap between job seekers and employers; which communities face systemic barriers to employment; hourly self-sufficiency wage; wages; and opportunities to align with other programs and initiatives in the City.

Discussion ensued regarding future plans; WorkForce Central serving in a training hub role; partnerships; the Tacoma Training and Employment Program model; adult basic education; types of data; common referral systems; the Pierce County jobs board; coordination with colleges; budget; and COVID impacts on placement.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-0125](#) February 23, 2021 - To be determined
 March 9, 2021 - Port of Tacoma Strategic Plan

Linda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting, scheduled on February 23, 2021, will be canceled. She concluded by stating the March 9, 2021, meeting will include a presentation on the Port of Tacoma Strategic Action Plan and an informational briefing on hotel worker recall rights.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion ensued regarding hazard pay for grocery store workers.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Robert Thoms, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office