



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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**May 11, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

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

## Call To Order

Vice Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, McCarthy and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Briefing Items

1. [21-0458](#) City Events and Recognitions Committee Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they will be interviewing six applicants for the City Events and Recognitions Committee, and that Chantel Brooks and Emani Donaldson withdrew from consideration. There are currently five positions available including At-Large positions two, four, and five, and Council Districts Nos. 1 and 3.

Vice Chair McCarthy gave a brief summary of the available positions on the City Events and Recognitions Committee.

The Committee interviewed Alex Domine, Cecily Croskey, Jenell Hughes, and Hilary Johnson. April Ferguson did not attend.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of applicants and potential recommendations.

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Hilary Johnson to the Council District No. 3 position on the City Events and Recognition Committee to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes: 3 - Blocker, McCarthy and Ushka**

**Absent: 1 - Thoms**

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Alex Domine to the Council District No. 1 position on the City Events and Recognition 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, McCarthy and Ushka**

**Absent: 1 - Thoms**

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Cecily Croskey to the At-Large No. 2 position on the City Events and Recognition Committee, effective July 1, 2021, to serve 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, McCarthy and Ushka**

**Absent: 1 - Thoms**

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Jenell Hughes to the At-Large No. 4 position on the City Events and Recognition Committee, effective July 1, 2021, to serve 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, McCarthy and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

2. [21-0459](#) Town Center Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement [Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development; Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works Department]

At approximately 10:49 a.m., Vice Chair McCarthy called on Elly Walkowiak, Assistant Director, Community and Economic Development, and Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works, to give a presentation on the Town Center Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement. Ms. Walkowiak gave a brief introduction and introduced Albert Sze, Managing Director, North American Asset Management (NAAM); and Dan Fullmer, Chief Investment Officer and Chief Development Officer, Rob Fraser, Construction Manager, and Brian Iderlot, Attorney, Galena Equity Partners. Mr. Fullmer gave background information about why Galena is interested in Tacoma, and this site in particular. Ms. Walkowiak continued the presentation with an overview; a rendering of the Tacoma Town Center; agenda; a background of important events from 2015 to 2021; issues being faced; proposed revisions, noting ownership, build out, market, and phasing, financing, the schedule, and risk mitigation; project benefits; next steps; and recommendations.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding further explanation of information on the slides, the proposed changes, the readability of the map slide, changes to the timeline, the phased approach, and the major changes to the site plan.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Blocker moved to forward the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, McCarthy and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-0460](#) May 25, 2021 - Foss Harbor, LLC Mixed-Use Development Project

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the WorkForce Central Presentation is being postponed to a future date.

## 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 11:57 a.m.



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Robert Thoms, Chair



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Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office