City of Tacoma
Economic Development
Committee Minutes

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 868 2412 7684

Webinar Link: www.zoom.us/j/86824127684 Passcode: 614650

January 25, 2022

10:00 AM

Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell, Conor McCarthy, Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

Call To Order

Vice Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. 22-0051 Approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting

2. 22-0052 Approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting

3. 22-0053 Approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting

4. 22-0054 Approval of the minutes of the August 31, 2021 meeting

5. 22-0085 Approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting

MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021; August 10, 24, and 31, 2021; and September 28, 2021, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and McCarthy

Briefing Items

6. 22-0058 Election of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to elect Council Member Blocker as Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the year 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and McCarthy

MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to elect Council Member Daniels as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the year 2022.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and McCarthy

7. 22-0055 Feasibility Study for the 5G-enabled Edge computing network for the Tideflats
[Pat Beard, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:08 a.m., Pat Beard, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Joshua Berger, President and CEO, Washington Maritime Blue. Mr. Berger provided an introduction for Tideflats 5G network feasibility study, and introduced Jim Brisimitzis, Founder, 5G Open Innovation Lab. Mr. Brisimitzis presented a project overview, project partners, and introduced Dustin Stoker, President, Husky Terminal and Stevedoring, LLC. Mr. Stoker presented on Husky Terminal and Stevedoring. Aaron Reich, Managing Director of Emerging Technologies, Avanade, reviewed findings, noting four key themes, including orchestration and efficiency, infrastructure modernization, improving safety, and enabling a sustainable future; and the Tideflats private 5G wireless network. Mr. Berger concluded by outlining next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the network to other areas of Tacoma, interest of local businesses to join the network, types of businesses and partners the network is trying to attract, and whether the 5G network will create more environmentally friendly jobs.

8. **22-0056** Intro to Healthcare Apprenticeship Pathways Pilot Launch Update
[Bucoda Warren, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Media and Communications Office]

At approximately 10:43 a.m., Bucoda Warren, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Media and Communications Office, presented an update on the Introduction to Healthcare Apprenticeship Pathways (IHAP) pilot launch, including an overview; background, noting the Tacoma Anchor Institution Network, IHAP stages, cohort start date, paid stipends, and equipment and training; issues; the co-design model; achievements; next steps; and introduced Katie Condit, CEO, WorkForce Central. Ms. Condit further reviewed the co-design model, attention of other local jurisdictions, intent, and introduced Caroline Cabellon, Program Manager - Community Services, Tacoma Housing Authority. Ms. Cabellon presented on the launch of the new Salishan Community Builder position, career pathways, and the 2Gen Family Engagement Program. Mr. Warren concluded by providing an overview of City departments involved in the IHAP program.

Discussion ensued regarding whether there are partnerships with local health providers to coordinate cohort training, and appreciation for the IHAP program.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

9. **22-0057** February 8, 2022 - To be determined

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on February 8, 2022, and the topics have yet to be determined.

Discussion ensued regarding future topics for upcoming meetings, noting economic development projects in Council District 5.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Tadd Wille, Deputy City Manager, announced his departure from the Executive Liaison position and stated Jeff Robinson will be taking over that role moving forward.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office