



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 248

Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908

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

June 28, 2022

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0728](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting.
2. [22-0726](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2022, meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, and April 26, 2022, meetings.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Rumbaugh

Briefing Items

3. [22-0713](#) WorkForce Partnerships Update
[Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central]

At approximately 10:09 a.m., Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks and introduced Katie Condit, Chief Executive Officer, WorkForce Central, who presented

the WorkForce Central partnerships update, including Pierce County businesses; Pierce County total wage distribution; average annual wages in Pierce County; top occupations by total demand; Pierce County labor supply and demand; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding how to use WorkForce Central to increase wages in non-profit sectors; changing the City's model around contract funding; how the City only has two of the occupations over 50 percent annual media income that are listed as high demand; the influence the City has on jobs and pay; and how much of the labor force that is trained is moving to King County.

4. [22-0714](#)

Window Replacement Program Summary

[Shari Hart, Lead Business Program Specialist, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:40 a.m., Shari Hart, Lead Business Program Specialist, CED, presented the window replacement program update, including an overview; background; grant process; applications; selections; fund and grant status; demographics, noting race or ethnicity, languages spoken, gender, and Council District; and community input.

Discussion ensued regarding community outreach; funding for windows that still need repairing versus windows that have already been repaired; data on broken windows; and funding for security enhancement.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [22-0716](#)

July 12, 2022 - Open

July 26, 2022 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews

August 9, 2022 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews;
Sister Cities

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on July 12, 2022, and will include an update on the World Trade Center; the July 26, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee (EIC); and the August 9, 2022, meeting will conclude the EIC interviews and include an update on Tacoma's Sister Cities.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Bushnell stated he would be interested in updates regarding the perception of Tacoma due to the rise in crime, and how business is being lost because of it.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.



Keith Blocker, Chair



Kiara Thomas, City Clerk's Office