

## MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Thursday August 25, 2022  
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.  
Council Chamber**

### Council Members

Jeremy Nutting, Chair  
Vic Pennington, Vice Chair  
Traci Buxton

### City Staff

Michael Matthias – City Manager (CM)  
Dan Brewer – Chief Operating Officer (COO)  
Scott Wilkins - Harbormaster  
Katy Bevegni – Assistant Harbormaster  
Tim George – City Attorney  
Bonnie Wilkins – Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeff Friend – Deputy Finance Director  
Taria Keane – City Clerk  
Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Mayor Matt Mahoney and Councilmember Gene Achziger

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of 06.23.2022 Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted.

#### **2. Fast Ferry Service Pilot Project Update**

CM Michael Matthias stated the pilot project has far exceeded expectations. The ferry service acts as a catalyst for economic development and draws attention to the City. Staff are working on a City map to highlight locations of interest that will be available to passengers on the ferry. The Port of Seattle shared information regarding respectful sailing in Puget Sound. A ferry option for traveling to Seattle has created enthusiasm amongst various organizations and development groups. The question to be considered at this point, if the pilot proves to be a success, what is the City's strategy for moving forward? The program has been paid for using one time sales tax from development. The current pilot timeline is likely to extend through October-November. A timeline for next year might be considered Phase 2, perhaps to coincide with the opening of the 2023 Farmers Market. The parking issue needs to be studied. The Marina Steps project will align well with the passenger ferry opportunity. We are not quite ready to analyze all the data yet as there are a couple of months yet to be reviewed. There is a Community meeting planned for September 27<sup>th</sup>, this will allow staff to receive feedback for consideration.

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant