



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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**November 09, 2022**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair John Hines, Olgy Diaz,  
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

Vice Chair Hines participated virtually.

### Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Janeen Provazek, speaking on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District moratorium.

### Briefing Items

1. [22-1221](#) Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing four applicants for the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), and that Jonathan Hart withdrew from consideration. She further stated that five positions are available on the LPC, including the Architect Nos. 2 and 3, At-Large No. 4, and Professional Nos. 1 and 2, but the Architect Nos. 2 and 3 positions will remain vacant as no applicants qualified.

The Committee interviewed Sarah Hilsendeger, Paul Franetovich, Laurel McQuade, and Bryan Rousseau.

Discussion ensued regarding the composition of the LPC, qualifications for positions, outreach and recruitment, applicant's qualifications, historic

buildings in Tacoma and areas where they are concentrated, and qualifications for designating landmarks.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Sarah Hilsendeger to the "At-large No. 4" position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2023, to expire December 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Laurel McQuade to the "Professional No. 1" position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2023, to expire December 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Bryan Rousseau to the "Professional No. 2" position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2023, to expire December 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

2. [22-1224](#) Transportation Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 5:37 p.m., Sorum informed the Committee they would be interviewing Penny Grellier for the District No. 5 position on the Transportation Commission (TC), and that during the TC interviews at the August 10, 2022, meeting, the Committee asked additional recruitment for the District No. 5 position.

The Committee interviewed Penny Grellier.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicant's qualifications.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Penny Grellier to the "District No. 5" position on the Transportation Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Diaz, Hines, and Walker

**Absent:** 1 - Ushka

3. [22-1222](#) South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District - Consideration of a Moratorium  
[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:50 p.m., Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, Planning and Development Services, provided opening remarks and presented the proposed moratorium for the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD), including an overview of the STPGD, City Council Direction, the Planning Commission's (PC) recommendations, a potential schedule, and background work on the proposal.

Chair Walker invited Andrea Reay, President and CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce; Tim Smith, community member; Heidi Stephens, Member, South Tacoma Neighborhood Council; and Todd Ward, independent consultant and representative for owners, to join the panel.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the potential schedule, the PC's considerations and recommendations; definition of terms; effects the moratorium would have on car franchises, dealerships, and maintenance

facilities; current practices regarding hazardous materials; how work done in the STGPD would benefit from a moratorium; groundwater infiltration from underground storage tanks (USTs); stormwater runoff; monitoring water quality and aquifer recharge; how businesses are monitored; partnerships between organizations; pieces of the moratorium that are under current regulations; equity concerns; impervious surfaces versus pervious surfaces; metal recycling and auto crushing facilities; regulations for current USTs and building new USTs; grandfathering in businesses; holding a special meeting for continued discussion; and next steps.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-1223](#) November 23, 2022-Cancelled  
December 14, 2022-Home in Tacoma Phase 2; Trees Code Update  
December 28, 2022-Cancelled

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the November 23, 2022, meeting has been cancelled; that the December 14, 2022, meeting will include updates on the Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 and the trees code; and that the December 28, 2022, meeting has also been cancelled.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Additional Public Comment was heard from:

2. David Boe, speaking on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District moratorium.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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Kristina Walker, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office