



# City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 24, 2016

4:30 PM

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Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,  
Conor McCarthy, Robert Thoms, Keith Blocker (alternate)

## Call To Order

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

**Present:** 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

**Absent:** 2 - Thoms and Blocker

Council Member Blocker, alternate, arrived at 4:50 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0157](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting

**MOTION:** Council Member McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Ibsen.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

**Absent:** 2 - Thoms and Blocker

## Briefing Items

2. [16-0152](#) Transportation Commission Annual Report and 2016 Work Plan [Joshua Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager, and Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer, Public Works]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Jane Moore, Transportation Commission, and Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works, provided an overview of the Transportation Commission including background information,

2015 accomplishments, and concluded with the 2016 work plan. Discussion ensued regarding 2016 work plan.

Council Member Blocker arrived here at 4:50 p.m.

3. **16-0159** Sustainable Tacoma Commission Annual Report and 2016 Work Plan  
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:58 p.m., Kristi Lynett, Environmental Services (ES) and Chrissy Cooley, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, provided an overview of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, including background information, 2015 accomplishments, 2016 work plan priorities, and concluded by discussing current members and vacancies on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. Discussion ensued regarding duties, diversity, outreach, and reusable plastic bags.

4. **16-0160** Disposable Bags  
[Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Environmental Services; Jim Parvey, Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services]

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Kristi Lynett and Jim Parvey, ES, presented the results of the disposable shopping bag online public survey, including issues, timeline, outreach, and feedback, limiting disposable bags, proposed options, economic perspectives, lessons learned, and concluded by requesting a recommendation to move to the full City Council for consideration. Deputy Mayor Mello requested clarification on exemptions. Council Member Ibsen asked if any additional Sustainable Tacoma Commission members would like to come forward and provide additional information in regards to the presentation. Alyssa Illich and Chrissy Cooley, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and Gary Kato, ES, discussed a draft letter given to the City Council, the Bellingham model, 2016 work plan, retention of the Commission, actions and inactions, outreach, and reusable bags. Discussion continued regarding theft, shopping outside of City limits, impacts, and accountability from local businesses.

Public comment was heard from the following:

1. Anna Boone, American Progressive Bag Alliance, speaking on disposable plastic bags
2. Taina Anderson, Citizen, speaking on disposable plastic bags
3. Michael Johnson, Poly Bag, LLC., speaking on disposable plastic bags
4. Theodore Bloom, Citizen, speaking on disposable plastic bags
5. Felicity Devlin, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on disposable plastic bags

Discussion ensued regarding the environment, goals, affected businesses, the public survey, long term vision for the City, Bellingham model, additional outreach, survey feedback, exemptions, and costs.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. 16-0161 March 9, 2016: Safe Routes to School, PSRC Household Travel Survey, and License Plate Recognition System

Monica Ghosh, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on March 9, 2016, and topics will include Safe Routes to School, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Household Travel Survey and the License Plate Recognition System.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair

A. J.  
Vice Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office