



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

February 14, 2018

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,
Chris Beale, Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call to Order

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 4 - Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Briefing Items

18-0134

Planning Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated that the Committee will be interviewing three applicants for the Planning Commission to fill one unexpired term for the Architecture, Historic Preservation, and/or Urban Design position. One additional applicant, David Fisher, was not able to attend the interview, however, submitted written responses.

The Committee interviewed Ryan Givens, Holly Stewart, and John Wolters.

Discussion ensued regarding the needs of the Commission and the candidates' qualifications.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Ryan Givens to the Architecture, Historic Preservation, and/or Urban Design position on the Planning Commission to serve an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

18-0135

Cellular Attachment to City Poles in the Right of Way
[Jana Magoon, Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:22 p.m., Jana Magoon, Manager, Planning and Development Services, made opening remarks and provided an overview of small cell components and their position of the right-of-way, the design standards applicable to cellular installation, impacts to the environment, examples of power installation, and light standards. Ms. Magoon continued by providing examples of current issues; proposed revisions of the Tacoma Municipal Code, entitled Title 9 Public Ways; examples of suggestions from other jurisdictions; development standards specific to small cellular facilities; health, equity, and sustainability analysis; and future anticipations.

She provided information on outreach, including internal and external collaboration, summarized the stakeholders meeting, and concluded with next steps and recommendations.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ibsen moved to recommend the Cellular Attachment to City Poles in the right-of-way to the full City Council.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Discussion ensued regarding the requirement to provide radio frequency reports noting accumulative radio frequency and decorative pole design standard. Discussion continued regarding residential conflicts and the experience with noise pollution and esthetics, how the fee structure would be applied to the small cellular facilities, long-term undergrounding strategies in regards to the market and infrastructure, and the struggle regarding the franchise agreements.

Public comment was heard from:

1. Gregger Gadbere, representing Verizon Wireless.
2. Sonny Ausink, representing AT&T.

18-0136

Code and Process Improvements

[Jana Magoon, Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:52 p.m., Jana Magoon, Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented an overview of the code and process improvements; background and changes necessary to reflect current practices; proposed revisions to Chapter 9.08 of the Municipal Code, including when a right-of-way occupancy permit is required, the proposal in the code to remove the Commercial Annual Use fee, and increasing permit fees; and proposed revisions to Chapter 10.22. Ms. Magoon then presented a health, equity, and sustainability analysis, including concerns regarding possible risks and the fiscal impact to the City. She concluded with next steps and a summary of the recommendation.

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to recommend the code and process improvements to the full City Council.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Discussion ensued throughout regarding clarification of the standards and permits, fencing revisions in regards to an alley and intended permitting, and the process and approval of the permits for the right-of-way. Discussion continued on previous research and comparison to other jurisdictions.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 18-0141 February 28, 2018 - Sound Transit ST3 Update, Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, 2018 Amended and 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on February 28, 2018, and will include Sound Transit ST3 Update, Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan, 2018 Amended and 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Beale stated he would be interested in hearing an update on zoning, lot dimension requirements and lot sizes, and the subdivision of properties.

Public Comment

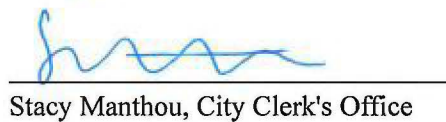
Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office