



MINUTES (Approved)

TIME: Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 16, Tacoma Municipal Building North
733 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402
PRESENT: Stephen Wamback (Chair), Anna Petersen (Vice-Chair), Brett Santhuff, Jeremy Woolley,
Andrew Strobel, Carolyn Edmonds
ABSENT: Jeff McInnis, Dorian Waller

A. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CALL

Chair Wamback called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. A quorum was declared.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2017

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the regular meeting on October 18, 2017 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Wamback invited citizens to provide comments on items related to the agenda. The following citizens provided comments:

1) Joan Mell:

Ms. Mell reported that GEO Group respectfully opposed adoption of permanent regulations associated with Ordinance No. 28429 pertaining to correctional facilities. She commented that the emphasis on capping the facility based on the number of individuals detained there directly involved federal immigration policy and was not something that a local jurisdiction could engage in. She commented that concepts like undue burden on the community might not be appropriate when dealing with a regionally sited facility. She commented that GEO Group was responsive to the interests of advocates and wanted to add services and availability to better meet the needs of those detained there.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Correctional Facilities Interim/Permanent Regulations

Ian Munce, Planning Services Division, facilitated the Planning Commission's discussion on proposed permanent regulations associated with the correctional facilities interim regulations as enacted by the City Council on March 7, 2017, per Ordinance No. 28417 and subsequently retained and modified on May 9, 2017, per Ordinance No. 28429. He reviewed that the correctional facility on the Tideflats was currently a permitted use and that the proposal was to make the facility a conditional use, which would provide an opportunity for public comments, for the City to conduct detailed review, and for conditions to be added. He noted that essential public facilities could be conditioned uses. Mr. Munce reported that was allowed as part of the interim Tideflats regulations was not part of this discussion and would be handled separately.

Commissioners provided the following questions and comments:

- Chair Wamback asked that as they go forward, staff do what they can to help prevent the situation in April when the Commission was unable to reach a consensus in making a recommendation to the Council concerning Ordinance No. 28417.

- Commissioner Edmonds asked what kind of response they had received regarding the interim regulations since they had been in place. Mr. Munce responded that the comments provided in the meeting packet were all that he had seen.
- Commissioner Edmonds asked how similar jurisdictions had handled the issue. Mr. Munce responded that other cities routinely made complex uses a conditional use, so it was consistent with the general approach of other jurisdictions in Washington State.
- Commissioner Santhuff asked for the background on public notice distance and conditional use criteria concepts. Mr. Munce reviewed that the City had started doing notifications from the boundary of the Port Maritime/Industrial Center and that if they went down the conditional use path they could add specific criteria.
- Vice- Chair Petersen asked if the concept of the community being unduly burdened would include the need for a disaster response plan. Mr. Munce responded that they could have criteria for the conditional use permit (CUP) that addressed the issue.
- Commissioner Strobel asked why public and private zonings were being treated differently in the use table. Chair Wamback noted that the distinction had gone away as the City Council had ultimately chosen not to go with a bifurcated approach.
- Chair Wamback requested that staff create a chart to review how the ordinance had evolved.

2. Transportation Master Plan Proposed Amendments

Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works, provided a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Transportation Element of the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan for consideration during the 2017-2018 Amendment cycle. She reviewed that the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) addressed transportation systems, how well they are functioning, and what needs would be necessary over the next 25 years. Ms. Kammerzell reported that multiple plans and efforts had been undertaken that could complement the adopted plan including the Environmental Action Plan, Safe Routes to Schools Implementation Plan, and Pedestrian Safety Project.

Ms. Kammerzell reported that the TMP included performance measures for multiple topical areas and that the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee had asked staff to provide performance goals for each. For the multimodal system topic, staff had proposed to make mode split a target consistent with regional goals and long range plans; to increase commute trip reduction employer participation; to keep the bike friendly status goal; and to attain the Walk Friendly Communities status. For Equity, the targets included completing TMP projects in areas with greater minority presence and greater poverty and completing TMP projects in Tier 1. For the Safety topic, targets focused on reduction of crashes. For Physical Activity and Air Quality, targets included increasing miles of bicycle infrastructure, increasing miles of missing link sidewalks, and decreasing fossil fuel consumption. For System Preservation, targets were to increase the overall pavement condition index and increase the number of replaced and maintained streetlights. For Financial Stewardship, the target was to improve how well they were leveraging City funds against grant dollars, private partnerships, and utility partnerships. For Congestion, the target was to get the most out of their network of signals by increasing signal timing performance.

Proposed amendments for Modal Priority Networks were discussed. Ms. Kammerzell reviewed that Modal Priority Networks were the maps that outline bike, transit, freight, auto, and pedestrian priority. She reported that they had 12 proposed projects which were generated as result of complaints, concerns, or trends. A map showing the locations of the projects was reviewed. Ms. Kammerzell discussed two example projects from the proposed list.

Chair Wamback recessed the meeting at 4:58 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:03 p.m. for the Capital Facilities Program public hearing. Following the public hearing, the discussion of the Transportation Master Plan proposed amendments resumed at 5:08 p.m.

Proposed Amendments for TMP Appendices were discussed. For Appendix C, Mobility Master Plan Updates, amendments included changing the title of the appendix to "Bicycle Implementation Strategies", strengthening the definition of Bicycle Boulevards, and maintaining existing bicycle content. For Appendix D, amendments included changing the title of the appendix to "Pedestrian Implementation Strategy",

maintaining existing pedestrian content, and moving the Pedestrian Implementation Strategies from Appendix C. The goals and policies would remain unchanged.

Commissioners provided the following questions and comments:

- Commissioner Strobel asked if the 12 listed Modal Priority Network projects would go through the categorization criteria to be ranked. Ms. Kammerzell confirmed that they would.
- Commissioner Strobel asked if the safety elements would be retained within the pedestrian projects or if there would be a separate appendix in the future. Ms. Kammerzell responded that safety would play a large role in the pedestrian component and might have its own appendices eventually.
- Commissioner Edmonds asked if review dates for the goals were built into the plan. Ms. Kammerzell responded that they were not, though they reviewed the goals every two years.
- Commissioner Edmonds, noting the target to decrease use of fossil fuels, asked if there had been any discussion of incentives to encourage people to buy fuel efficient vehicles. Ms. Kammerzell responded that they hadn't discussed incentives for the types of vehicles purchased but had discussed targets for City fleet vehicles and providing a network with alternatives to driving a car.
- Chair Wamback commented that for the target to increase the number of employers participating in the Commute Trip Reduction program, it would be useful to have a measure of the total number of employers that could potentially participate.
- Chair Wamback commented that he was disappointed that their goal to increase the pavement condition from marginal to good would take 23 years, suggesting that he would like a more aggressive timeline and a goal better than good for the condition. He suggested that he would be interested in a measure that prioritizes getting a higher level of pavement condition on streets that have a high level of bicycle traffic.

Concerning the next steps, Lihuang Wung, Planning Services Division, suggested that staff would revise the proposed TMP Amendment packet, incorporating the Commission's comments, and bring it back in February 2018 along with other applications of the 2017-2018 Amendment Package, and the Commission would review the Package and consider releasing it for public review in preparation for the public hearing tentatively scheduled for March 2018. The Commission concurred.

3. Public Hearing – Capital Facilities Program (CFP) Amendment

At 5:03 p.m., Chair Wamback called the public hearing to order and reviewed the procedures, noting that the comment period for written comments had already closed.

Christina Curran, Office of Management and Budget, reviewed that the purpose of the proposed amendment was to update the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Program to add a new project, the Neighborhood and Community Services Readiness Site, to the program's Community Development section. The project would develop short term transitional housing options and support phase 3 of the City's Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan addressing the state of public health emergency regarding homelessness declared by the City Council on May 9, 2017, per Ordinance No. 28430.

Chair Wamback called for testimony. No citizens came forward to testify and the public testimony portion of the hearing was closed.

Recognizing the urgent need for the City Council to adopt the proposed amendment to the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Program, the Commission proceeded to consider making a recommendation to the City Council. Vice-Chair Petersen motioned to forward the amendment to the City Council. Commissioner Woolley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Following the public hearing, the meeting returned to discussion of the Transportation Master Plan proposed amendments.

E. COMMUNICATION ITEMS & OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Boudet, Planning Services Division Manager, provided the following updates:

- At the City Council public hearing for the marijuana use buffer code amendment there had been three comments supporting the amendment.
- Tideflats Interim Regulations would be discussed at the Council study session on November 7.
- The City Council public hearing on Billboards would be held on November 14.
- The City Council public hearing and Study Session for the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan would be on November 21.
- The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee would be conducting interviews with applicants for the vacant Planning Commission's District 5 position on November 8.
- The December 20 meeting of Planning Commission was proposed for cancellation, with the retreat suggested for December 6th instead.

Mr. Wung provided the following updates:

- At the November 15 Planning Commission meeting there would be students from the University of Washington recording video of meeting for livable city year project.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 p.m., the meeting of the Planning Commission was concluded.