



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 11, 2016

4:30 PM

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 4:35 p.m.

Present: 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Approval of Minutes

1. [16-0397](#) Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2016

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

2. [16-0393](#) Building and Fire Code Amendments [Sue Coffman, Building Official, Planning and Development Services and Ryan Erickson, Fire Code Official, Tacoma Fire Department]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Sue Coffman, Planning and Development Services, and Ryan Erickson, Tacoma Fire Department, provided an overview of proposed building and fire code amendments. Ms. Coffman discussed State and City of Tacoma building codes, goals, code changes, and the upcoming

schedule. Mr. Erickson provided an overview of the fire code, adoption process and concluded by reviewing the proposed local amendments.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding seismic threshold reduction, sprinkler requirements, occupancy, current state and local codes, the difference between townhomes and a triplex, challenges, outreach, resources available, certificates of occupancy for new single family homes and duplexes, permit systems costs, and time frame for getting permits, changes, decriminalizing criminal process, readapting and remodeling buildings, feedback, and available resources.

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the approval of the proposed building and fire code amendments as presented by staff to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 3 - Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Absent: 1 - Thoms

3. **16-0394**

2016 Annual Amendment [Stephen Atkinson, Associate Planner, Planning and Development Services, and Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:20 p.m., Stephen Atkinson and Lihuang Wung, Planning and Development Services, provided an overview of the 2016 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code. Mr. Atkinson discussed background information, the five applications being considered as part of the 2016 Annual Amendment, including future land use implementation and multi-family residential design standards. Mr. Wung reviewed the wireless communications facilities, including federal regulations and proposed revisions, and short term rentals (STR), including current situation, common issues, regulatory framework, STR definitions and table, current lodging house and proposed STR. Mr. Atkinson concluded by discussing Municipal Code clean up, next steps, and the proposed amendment schedule.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding notices for upcoming projects, potential projects, the proposals, zoning, site rezones, impacts on projects, community concerns, and area wide rezones.

Deputy Mayor Mello requested follow up on added analysis on what is the delta in density, floor area ratio and in value that is proposed to give away. Discussion continued regarding short term rentals, regulations to the proposed

amendments, long term commercial operations, applications for business licenses, and possible exemptions.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 16-0395 May 25, 2016- Landmarks Preservation Committee Interviews, PSRC Household Travel Survey, SEPA Review for Historic Preservation

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be held on May 25, 2016, and topics will include Landmarks Preservation Committee Interviews, Puget Sound Regional Council Household Travel Survey, and State Environmental Policy Act review for Historic Preservation.

Other Items of Interest

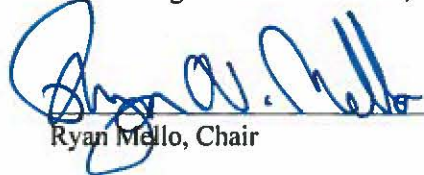
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

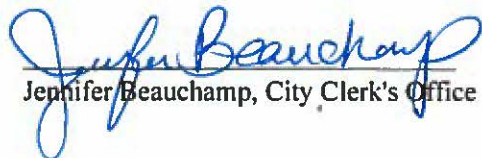
There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office

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