

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Conference Room 16

February 12, 2014

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

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Ibsen, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2014

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Walker. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Construction and Demolition Waste Services

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Mike Slevin, Environmental Services (ES) Director, made opening remarks regarding increased construction and demolition debris recycling in Tacoma. Jim Parvey, ES, provided background information regarding garbage and recycling. Bill Smith, ES, reviewed legal requirements. Gary Kato, ES, reviewed recycling rates in multi-family homes. Mr. Smith reviewed issues in missing recycling data, tax and license provisions, fraudulent recycling, and agencies requiring waste management plans. He then reviewed the recommended Waste Management Plan timeline, including benefits, outreach, incentives, education, enforcement, and program refinement. Mr. Smith introduced Dean Rodatos from Green Halo Systems, to present telephonically on the benefits of using an online waste management plan tracking system. Mr. Rodatos reviewed the functions provided by Green Halo Systems tracking system. Discussion ensued regarding legal requirements, waste management plan costs, the incentives program, Green Halo Systems cost, waste audits, certificate options, hazardous materials, and outreach. Chair Mello requested a presentation to this Committee after the outreach phase is completed.

Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS)

At approximately 5:19 p.m., Mr. Slevin made opening remarks and provided background information regarding International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 140001 Certification, including purpose, benefits, and certified agencies. Mr. Parvey reviewed the ESMS hierarchy and workshops. Mr. Slevin reviewed next steps, communication plan, and an educational video of an ISO 14001 Certified company, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. Mr. Slevin reviewed the video and importance of the ISO. Discussion ensued over ESMS workshops, certifications, grant funding, audits, and insurance.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting will be February 26, 2014 with presentations relating to Transfer of Development Rights; the Planning Commission's 2013 accomplishments and 2014 work plan; and the Transportation Commission's 2013 accomplishments and 2014 work plan.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office

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