



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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November 10, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Chris Beale,
Lillian Hunter, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

Call To Order

Vice Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Beale, Hunter and Walker

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-1109](#) Trees in the Right-of-Way Code Updates
[Michael Carey, Urban Forester; Ryan Hebert, Urban Forestry Analyst,
Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:31 p.m., Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), stated that code revisions will not be presented by the end of the year, because parts of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) date to 1927 and will need to be rewritten and brought forth in 2022. Michael Carey, Urban Forester, and Ryan Hebert, Urban Forestry Analyst, OEPS, presented an update on the TMC for trees in the right-of-way, including an overview; background, noting policy review and purpose; background and recommendation for four main issues, including food producing trees, row tree protections, row tree violations, and TMC cleanup; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the private property heritage tree program, promotion and outreach, heritage trees along Pierce Transit Bus Rapid Transit corridors, heritage trees in right-of-ways, whether food producing trees are being handled separately, tree pruning and protection responsibility, and whether these TMC updates include funds for related staffing.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-1110](#) November 17 (Special Meeting) - Vision Zero Action Plan and Speed Reduction Study Update; Floodplain Management Code Changes
November 24 - Cancelled
December 8 - Planning Commission Interviews
December 22 - Cancelled

This item was not addressed.

Other Items of Interest

This item was not addressed.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

1. Robb Krehbiel, speaking on trees in the right-of-way TMC updates.

Adjournment

Due to lack of quorum, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office