



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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April 27, 2022

4:30 PM

Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair John Hines, Conor McCarthy
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Hines, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0489](#) Transportation Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing Matt Stevens for the Transportation Commission, that Mr. Stevens has served on the Commission in a non-voting role since 2019, and that a vacancy has occurred on the Commission and he has expressed an interest in moving to a voting position.

The Committee interviewed Matt Stevens.

Discussion ensued regarding available options for the term and the applicant's qualifications.

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Matt Stevens to the "At-Large No. 1" position to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hines, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

2. [22-0490](#) Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Draft Final Annual Amendment [Jennifer Kammerzell, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Interim Division Manager, Public Works, presented the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) draft final annual amendment, including an overview; background; issues, noting added and removed projects; the Accessible Pedestrian Signals program; Swan Creek pedestrian bridge and connectivity; Titlow Park Hidden Beach bridge replacement; the health, equity, and sustainability analysis; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost to complete and fix sidewalks in the City; the Swan Creek bridge project and partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma; how funding is decided; adding projects to the TIP; the health, equity, and sustainability analysis and how it affects the projects chosen; and criteria projects must meet to receive funding and determining project priority.

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to forward the draft Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program amended 2022 and 2023-2028 to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Ushka.

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

Ayes: 3 - Hines, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

3. [22-0491](#) Historic Preservation Program Introduction and Overview [Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:23 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation

Officer, Planning and Development Services, presented the Historic Preservation Program, including an overview; background; policy framework; work to identify and enhance historic districts and landmarks, noting ongoing survey work, individually designated City Landmarks, historic districts, the Heritage Project Grant program, and financial incentives for historic preservation; protection, noting historic resources and the Landmarks Preservation Commission; outreach; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding City Charter review, the study of underrepresented history, historic diversity, historical sites versus historical buildings, the timeframe and criteria for properties and districts to be considered historic, preserving the history of neighborhoods that have been completely demolished, community outreach, and keeping historical communities intact.

4. [22-0493](#) Committee Support of Commissions
[Chair Walker]

At approximately 5:55 p.m., Chair Walker provided opening remarks on Committee support of committees, boards, and commissions (CBCs), including the number of CBCs the Committee oversees and Council Members visiting CBC meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding connectivity goals, scheduling, and the logistics of how many Council Members should attempt to visit each CBC.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [22-0494](#) May 11, 2022 - Planning Commission Interviews; Urban Design Project Phase 1; Vision Zero and Speed Reduction
May 25, 2022 - 2022 Annual Amendment; Home in Tacoma - Phase 2 Alternatives
June 8, 2022 - Historic Districts in Tacoma; Impact Fee Framework Follow-Up

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on May 11, 2022, and will include interviews for the Planning Commission, updates on the Urban Design Project Phase 1, and Vision Zero and speed reduction; that the May 25, 2022, meeting will include updates on the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code and Home in Tacoma Project Phase 2 alternatives; and that the June 8, 2022, meeting will include updates on historic districts in Tacoma and the impact fee framework follow-up.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Robb Krehbeil, speaking on Resolution No. 40443, regarding public engagement during construction projects in the City.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Kristina Walker, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office