



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

February 05, 2020

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present: 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

Absent: 1 - Beale

Other Items of Interest was addressed first.

Other Items of Interest

Chair McCarthy stated there are two individuals who were placed on a short list following interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission at the December 4, 2019 Committee meeting. Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated there is one vacancy on the Commission currently and one position opening up for recommendation to Council for appointment in March.

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of the short list, Gabe Moalii's interview, individuals' background, and future short-list processes.

The Committee agreed to move forward with the appointment of Gabe Moalii, the last candidate on the short list that was created at the December 4, 2019 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0097](#) Approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hunter, McCarthy, Walker and Ushka

Absent: 1 - Beale

Briefing Items

2. [20-0098](#) Small Cell Deployment on City Street Light Poles
[Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Finance; Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney; Jana Magoon, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:41 p.m., Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Finance, introduced Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, and Jana Magoon, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services. Together, they presented the small cell deployment, including background; an overview, noting positives and negatives; issues, noting federal regulations, antenna and equipment, new and replacement poles, historic districts and decorative poles, and the master license agreement; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the size of equipment, pole replacement, payment for pole replacement and maintenance, the look of various provider's equipment, pole aesthetics, timeline, equipment in the right-of-way, safety studies required for providers, and pole placement rules and regulations.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Andrea Haug, 237 South 70th Street.
2. Cindy Feist, 4102 North 32nd Street.
3. Beverly, resident.
4. Kit Burns, 1010 6th Avenue.

3. [20-0099](#) Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance Update
[Jim Parvey, Division Manager; Leah Michaelson, Community Relations Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 5:35 p.m., Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), presented the Bring Your Own Bag program update, including background, noting main elements of the law and ordinance requirements. Leah Michaelson, Community Relations Officer, OEPS, presented the 2019 retailer survey, noting paper bag distribution, retailer support, the pre-Ordinance survey, and retailer feedback; issues; the health, equity and sustainability analysis; conclusions; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the exemption for restaurant takeout, the state-wide plastic ban, neighboring cities, partnerships with other organizations in Tacoma, targeted outreach, financial losses due to the bag ban, the reason behind the paper bag charge, the equity of the paper bag charge, partnering with organizations with extra reusable bags, and the environmental impacts of plastic bags versus paper bags.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [20-0100](#) February 19, 2020 - Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews and Pierce Transit Update

Claire Goodwin, Staff Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be February 19, 2020, and will include Sustainable Tacoma Commission interviews and an update from Pierce Transit. She further stated that the March 4, 2020 meeting will include updates on the transportation improvement plan and new storage unit developments.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the date and time of the Committee meetings.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Hunter stated she is working to bring an update of the Bus Rapid Transit regarding flag placement at the right-of-way boundary along areas of Pacific Avenue.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Conor McCarthy, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office