



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 27, 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 4:33 p.m.

Present: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Council Member Blocker, alternate, was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

1. 16-0341 Approval of the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Briefing Items

2. 16-0336 Interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided background information on current vacancies on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. She stated there are six positions currently available, three 3-year terms, and three unexpired terms. Ms. Sorum stated Alyssa Illich and Ronald Owes have provided written responses in lieu of attending. She noted the Committee will interview seven applicants, and concluded by reviewing the interview process.

The Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee interviewed the following applicants for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission:

Alison Baur
Theda Braddock
Alexandra Brewer
Joshua Jorgensen
Ron Stuart
Lowell Wyse
Joe Bushnell
Ronald Owes
Alyssa Illich

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates' qualifications and the current needs of the Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the reappointment of Alyssa Illich to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

16-0336 Interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Alison Baur to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term, to expire April 30, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Theda Braddock to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Alexandra Brewer to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Josh Jorgensen to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Lowell Wyse to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Blocker

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Public Comment

Justin Leighton, Transportation Commission, speaking on Sound Transit 3

Andrew Strobel, Transportation Commission, speaking on Sound Transit 3

3. 16-0337 Plastic Bag Model Ordinance [Kristin Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Kristin Lynett and Jim Parvey, Environmental Services, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance relative to shopping bag restrictions and results of additional outreach, including timeline, issues, limiting the use of single-use carryout bags, bag restrictions, the Bellingham model, feedback, received continued outreach, definitions, exemptions, implementation, and fiscal impact.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding bags provided to low income families, types of bags allowed per the ordinance definitions, distribution to Tacoma public schools and the Tacoma Housing Authority, hidden costs, recovered costs, potential impacts, and estimated costs.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Chrissy Cooley, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on the proposed ordinance
2. Alyssa Illich, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on the proposed ordinance
3. Ken Campbell, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
4. Bill Stauffader, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
5. Stephan Cook, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
6. William Kupinse, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
7. Vivian McBain, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
8. Bruce Hoeft, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance

9. Cheryl Kupee, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
10. Britney Meints, Farmer, speaking on the proposed ordinance
11. Monique Smith, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
12. Lee Heath, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
13. Skylar McVaugh, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
14. Michael Johnson, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
15. Tony Vercillo, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
16. Kelly Homberg, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
17. David Louis, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
18. John Carlton, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance
19. Sara Chessman, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on the proposed ordinance
20. Zachary Christin, Citizen, speaking on the proposed ordinance

Continued discussion ensued regarding support for and opposition to the proposed plastic bag ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to forward the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance as presented by staff for full consideration by the City Council.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Blocker.

MOTION: Council Member Blocker moved for staff to come back with a targeted outreach campaign during the implementation period targeted to communities of color and low-income communities.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

Deputy Mayor Mello stated he would like a staff review on the impact of this ordinance, especially on low-income communities, after 12 or 18 months.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried on the motion, as amended. The motion, as amended, was declared adopted.

Ayes: 3 - Ibsen, Mello and Blocker

Nays: 1 - McCarthy

Absent: 1 - Thoms

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. 16-0338 May 11, 2016- Unified Development Code, Building and Fire Code Amendments, Traffic Model Ordinance Update

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 11, 2016, and topics will include the unified development code, building and fire code amendments and an update on the Traffic Model Ordinance.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

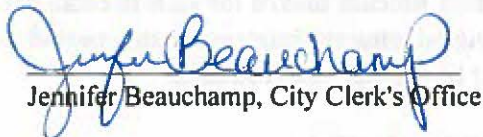
There was no additional public comment heard at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office