

City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

October 08, 2014

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair David Boe, Anders Ibsen, Lauren Walker, Marty Campbell (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Mello and Walker

Approval of Minutes

1. 14-0940

Approval of the minutes of September 24, 2014

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the

September 24, 2014 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Boe.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Mello and Walker

Briefing Items

2. 14-0941

Six-Year Transportation Plan Final Review - Briefing and request to forward to the full Council for approval

[Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer, Public Works Department]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Jennifer Kammerzell, Public Works, provided background information on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. She then reviewed current issues, capital project funding, unfunded projects, trail projects, recommendations, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding power poles and lines, trail projects, and clarification of naming conventions for unfunded projects. Chair Mello requested staff work with other municipalities to link City trails to the Riverwalk Trail, and add the work to the unfunded list. Council Member Boe requested staff review unlisted

unfunded projects that could be completed with grant funding, and that staff add those to the unfunded list for future consideration. He then stated there will be a 2014 Pierce County Trails Conference on October 29, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., regarding the latest information on trails in Pierce County.

MOTION: Council Member Boe moved to forward the Six-Year Transportation Plan to the full Council for consideration.

Chair Mello stated the unfunded list, in the Six-Year Transportation Plan, will include work related to the Riverwalk Trail.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Walker.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

Ayes: 4 - Boe, Ibsen, Mello and Walker

3. 14-0942 Transportation Commission Accomplishments and 2015 Work Plan, including Transportation Master Plan [Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager; Jennifer Kammerzell, Senior Engineer, Public Works]

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Public Works, provided opening remarks. Transportation Commission Members Justin Leighton, Jane Moore, and Andrew Strobel provided background information on the Transportation Commission, and reviewed 2014 accomplishments and the 2015 work plan. Mr. Diekmann reviewed the work plan timeline. Justin Resnick, Fehr and Peers, reviewed existing policy priorities; recent efforts to meet with advisory groups on walking and bicycling, transit, and freight and auto; and the modal input included in the entire plan. Discussion ensued regarding parklets, an impact fee program, 20-minute neighborhoods, collaboration with advisory groups and transit authorities, and funding.

4. 14-0943 Affordable Housing Work Plan Program Update
[Elliot Barnett, Associate Planner, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:22 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), and Kathy McCormick, Tacoma Housing Authority, provided opening remarks regarding affordable housing. Elliott Barnett, PDS, reviewed the Affordable Housing Planning Work Program, including work completed, the 2015 work plan, infill strategies, areas for single-family zoning, incentives and bonuses, upzone requests, permit process enhancements, discussion points, objectives, and next steps. Discussion ensued throughout regarding projected growth area, planned residential districts, accessory dwelling units (ADU), small lot standards, the City of Everett's infill strategies report, market reality, urban sprawl, transfer of development rights, and advisory groups.

Council Member Boe requested the Planning Commission review ADU's in single-family areas. Chair Mello requested the Planning Commission create a "pro" and "con" list regarding infill strategies, and Council Member Boe requested a market analysis in addition to the list. Council Member Boe then requested information regarding the number of upzone requests submitted.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. 14-0944

October 22, 2014 - ES/MS Program, WSDOT Right-of-Way Tree Planting Program and Measurement of Sustainability Initiatives

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated there are three more meetings this year. She then stated the next meeting is October 22, 2014 with presentations relating to the Environmental Sustainability Management System Program, Washington State Department of Transportation's Right-of-Way Tree Planting Program, and measurement of sustainability initiatives. Discussion ensued regarding meeting attendance.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Nicole Emery, City Clerk's Office