



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 25, 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 4:35 p.m.

Present: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

Approval of Minutes

1. 16-0459 Approval of minutes of April 27, 2016

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

Council Member McCarthy made a few brief statements regarding the actions of the Committee on advancing the plastic bag ordinance to the full City Council. He stated at the meeting two weeks ago the Committee should have taken two votes, one vote to approve the amendment to the motion, then another vote on the motion as amended. He stated he wanted to clarify the record, and if voting had been done that way, he would have voted for Council Member Blocker's motion to amend the Ordinance, but would have maintained his vote to not move it forward to the City Council. He stated this process is a learning curve for him, and he had a discussion with the City Clerk regarding what gets included in the minutes. He then stated his understanding is the minutes are a brief summation of the City Council members comments because the City has audio recording and that the written minutes are kept to the strict motions and the vote. He then asked for clarification on comments

made by Council Members because Deputy Mayor Mello had made a good comment that was included in the minutes. Council Member McCarthy stated that when there is a comment that directs staff with relation to a specific action item being moved that kind of comment may be included in the minutes.

Briefing Items

2. 16-0454 Landmarks Preservation Committee Interviews [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, provided background information on current vacancies on the Landmarks Preservation Commission. She stated there are two unexpired terms available for the At-Large No. 3 and North Slope Ex Officio positions and one three-year term available for the Professional No. 4 position. She noted the committee will be interviewing three applicants, and concluded by reviewing the interview process.

The Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee interviewed the following applicants for the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

Brittani Flowers
Roger Johnson
Joshua Kaivo

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

MOTION: Council Member Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Roger Johnson to the At-Large No. 3 position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

16-0454 Landmarks Preservation Committee Interviews [Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Brittani Flowers to the Professional No. 4 position on the Landmarks Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Thoms.

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

Ayes: 4 - Ibsen, McCarthy, Mello and Thoms

3. **16-0460** PSRC Household Travel Survey [Jim Parvey, Assistant Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 5:03 p.m., Jim Parvey, Environmental Services, provided opening remarks and introduced Neil Kilgren, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and provided an overview of the 2015 PSRC survey. Mr. Kilgren discussed background and methodology of the survey, including travel surveys at PSRC, questions, data, and surveyed households. He continued discussing the regional story, mode share, walking, biking, location factors, car share, autonomous vehicle interests and concerns and concluded by discussing the oversample data combined with the original surveyed homes, results, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic issues, travel time, past PSRC presentations, mode share, Sound Transit 3, survey data on transportation, investments, the current transportation system, financing, future projections, job opportunities, tracking future trends, and autonomous vehicles.

4. **16-0455** SEPA Review for Historical Preservation [Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:35 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Planning and Development Services, provided an overview of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review for historic preservation. He discussed background, project objectives, policy framework, current status, proposed approach, outline of the potential process, identifying historic resources, potential code revision areas, demolition metrics for 2013-2014, key tasks and policy issues, and concluded by discussing the tentative timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding development community feedback, process to preserve historic buildings, SEPA process, impacts, historic protection,

resources for restoration on historic buildings, outreach, policy changes, code changes, targeted buildings, exemptions, surveys, classification of properties, SEPA review on demolition on buildings, mitigation, and redevelopment.

Deputy Mayor Mello requested staff bring back additional tools or a policy that would allow the City the opportunity to further review and possibly deny demolition of historic buildings.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [16-0458](#) June 8, 2016 Mobility or Transportation updates [tentative]
Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 8, 2016, and topics will include interviews for the Planning Commission and an update on the Land Use Code amendments.

Other Items of Interest

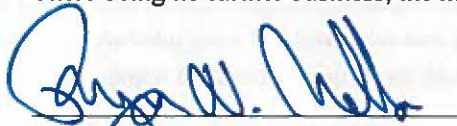
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

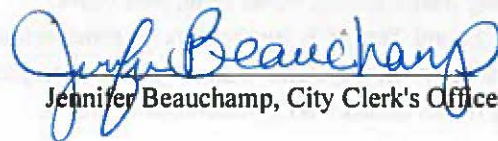
There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Jennifer Beauchamp, City Clerk's Office