



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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February 23, 2022

4:30 PM

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

**REVISED**

### Call To Order

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

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0225](#) Minutes for the meeting of September 22, 2021
2. [22-0228](#) Minutes for the special meeting of September 29, 2021
3. [22-0229](#) Minutes for the meeting of October 13, 2021

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Hines moved to approve the minutes of the September 22 and October 13, 2021, meetings, and the September 29, 2021, special meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member McCarthy.

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

## Briefing Items

4. [22-0231](#) Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:35 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing seven applicants for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, including three current members who are seeking reappointment, and that there will be one additional interview at the March 9, 2022, meeting for Brett Marlo, who was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. She further stated that there are six positions available, consisting of three member positions for three-year terms, two member positions to fill unexpired terms, and one youth position for a one-year term. She concluded by stating Janeen Provazek withdrew her application from consideration.

The Committee interviewed Matthew Benedict, Kendra Stauffer, Evolondo Cooper, Nikie Walters, Casey McManus, and Laura Svancarek.

Michael Mizer did not attend the interviews.

Discussion ensued regarding waiting until the March 9, 2022, meeting to discuss the applicants and make final decisions.

5. [22-0230](#) Shipping Containers and Electric Fences Presentation  
[Jana Magoon, Planning Manager; Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services; Anna Petersen, Chair; Christopher Karnes, Vice-Chair, Planning Commission]

At approximately 5:39 p.m., Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced Jana Magoon, Planning Manager, PDS; and Anna Petersen, Chair, and Chris Karnes, Vice Chair, Planning Commission (PC). Together they presented an update on recent City Council requests regarding shipping containers and electric fences, including an agenda; background; issues, noting both shipping containers and electric fences; the PC's review; and recommended actions.

Discussion ensued regarding current regulations regarding shipping containers, how shipping containers tie into the Home in Tacoma Project, the timeline for the work done by PDS and the PC, the intent of the resolutions, utilizing shipping containers for storage uses versus housing or commercial uses, the PC's amendment process, communication between the City Council and the PC, the PDS work program, fence design standards, possible

processes for gaining permission to build an electric fence, the type of districts electric fences might be necessary in, conditions for installing electric fences, potential costs to small business owners, the issue of property theft, and community outreach and feedback.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to concur with the Planning Commission’s recommendation to move the shipping container topic to the 2023 Amendment docket.**

**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

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend to the full City Council that the date for consideration of expanding the districts in which electric fences are allowed to the 2023, instead of the 2022, Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment work plan and process.**

**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

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [22-0232](#) March 9, 2022 - 2022 Annual Amendment; Transportation Commission Annual Update  
March 23, 2022 - Downtown to Defiance: Schuster Parkway Project (Tentative); 6 Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program Annual Amendment

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on March 9, 2022, and will include the 2022 Annual Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code and the Transportation Commission annual update. He further stated that the March 23, 2022, meeting will include updates on the Downtown to Defiance: Schuster Parkway Promenade project and the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program.

Discussion ensued regarding adding topics to the Committee's calendar.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Michael Pate, speaking on shipping containers and electric fences.

7. [22-0340](#) Written Comment

Due to technical difficulties, Steve Hutchins was unable to give public comment during the meeting, and submitted written comment afterwards.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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Kristina Walker, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office