



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 14, 2013

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Boe, Mello, and Walker.

Council Committee Members Absent: Ibsen (arrived at 4:33 p.m.)

Rain Gardens Program

At approximately 4:31 p.m. Geoffrey Smyth, Environmental Services, stated staff is requesting Council amend Chapter 12.08 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) to implement a pilot program to provide incentives to eligible customers to construct and/or maintain low-impact development (LID) rain gardens and bio-retention facilities.

Council Member Ibsen arrived here, at 4:33 p.m.

Mr. Smyth reviewed the residential rain garden pilot program. Lorna Mauren, Environmental Services, further reviewed the residential rain garden pilot program, partnerships, and the Adopt-a-Rain Garden pilot program. Discussion ensued regarding incentives of the Adopt-a-Rain Garden pilot program. Mr. Smyth reviewed the existing language in TMC 12.08, proposed ordinance revisions, and next steps, including Council consideration of the ordinance to amend TMC 12.08 at the August 20, 2013 Council meeting. Discussion ensued regarding rate categories, and the current or potential location of other rain gardens throughout the City.

Council Member Walker moved to recommend approval of this policy for adoption and to move it on to the full City Council. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Expansion of Tacoma Water Service Area

At approximately 4:56 p.m. Ryan Flynn, Tacoma Water, stated Water is requesting approval of a service area expansion to serve the Fennel Heights Maintenance Water System and authorization of an agreement with Fennel Heights to extend the water main. Jesse Angel, Tacoma Water, reviewed the Fennel Heights service area, stating Fennel Heights serves 15 residences in a service area surrounded by the Tacoma Water service area in unincorporated Pierce County east of the City of Bonney Lake. He stated Fennel Heights presently operates a community well that is out of compliance due to arsenic levels that exceed the maximum contaminant level established by the Safe Drinking Water Act. He then stated Fennel Heights has requested an extension of service from Tacoma Water, noting prior to extending the Tacoma Water system to serve them, the expansion of the water service area must be approved by the Tacoma Public Utility Board and City Council. Mr. Angel stated the extension of the system will be funded by a \$300,000 2012 Jobs Now Grant from the Washington State Department of Health and project costs in excess of the

grant amount will be borne by the 15 residences through a customer surcharge. Mr. Angel stated this item is scheduled for full Council consideration at the August 20, 2013 Council meeting.

Council Member Walker moved to recommend approval of the expansion of the Tacoma Water service area as presented. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Council Member Walker discussed the possible annexation of Bonney Lake areas presented at the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) recently and asked if the Fennel Heights area is included in it. She requested Water provide a map based upon what was provided at the PCRC. Council Member Boe requested zoning information for the area prior to first reading of the ordinance scheduled for August 20, 2013. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Planning Work Program for 2013-2015

Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), stated the intent of today's presentation is to brief the Committee on the Planning Work Program for 2013-2015, a work program containing projects and planning activities that, for the most part, are mandated by legislation or already initiated by the City Council and are slated for completion during the timeframe of July 2013 through June 2015. He then reviewed three subarea plans, including the South Downtown, MLK/Hilltop, and North Downtown Subarea Plans and Environmental Impact Statements.

Mr. Boudet then reviewed 11 items that are part of the 2014 Annual Amendment including: Point Ruston Mixed-Use Center, Point Defiance Park land use policies, growth strategy, land use designations, mixed-use centers code review, affordable housing regulations, container port element, open space habitat and recreation element, sustainability Code amendment, Urban Forestry and Landscaping Code updates, and Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code clean-up. Mr. Boudet reviewed items in the 2015 Annual Amendment, including land use designations, affordable housing regulations, Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code cleanup, and private applications. He stated PDS will return to this Committee in September for more updates. He then reviewed other emerging issues. Council Member Boe inquired about whether a comprehensive Sign Code review is being considered for the work plan. Chair Mello encouraged PDS to invite Planning Commission members to IPS meetings. Discussion ensued regarding whether there should be a Council liaison attending the Planning Commission meetings.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Carmen White, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is August 28, 2013 and the topic is the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the newly formed Transportation Commission and when they will begin their meetings.

Other Items of Interest

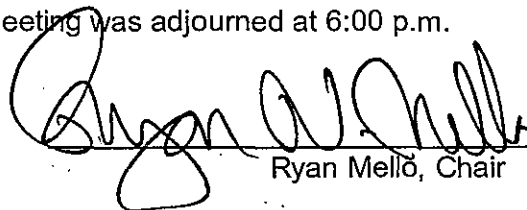
There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

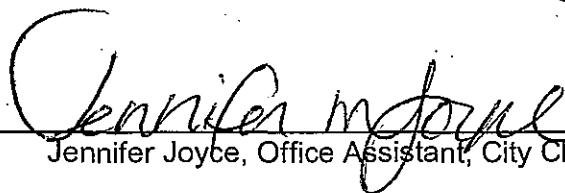
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Jennifer Joyce, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office