



# City of Tacoma

## Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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**March 10, 2021**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair **Conor McCarthy**, Vice Chair **Kristina Walker**, **Chris Beale**,  
**Lillian Hunter**, **Catherine Ushka** (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [21-0243](#) 2021 Update to the City of Tacoma's Stormwater Management Manual  
[Merita Trohimovich, Principal Engineer; Mieke Hoppin, Professional Engineer, Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Merita Trohimovich, Principal Engineer, Environmental Services (ES), introduced Mieke Hoppin, Professional Engineer, ES. Ms. Hoppin presented the 2021 update on the City of Tacoma's Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM), including an overview; background; issues, noting livability, economy and workforce, equity and accessibility, and geographic areas; proposed revisions; significant Department of Ecology-mandated changes, noting continuous simulation modeling, replacing hard surfaces redevelopment thresholds, equivalent areas, construction stormwater pollution prevention, on-site stormwater management, flow control, best management practices (BMPs) for concrete washout, adding BMPs for source control, and wetlands guidance; outreach; next steps; and recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding impacts the updates might have on the types of stormwater analysis used, minimal construction requirements in Tacoma, the use of pervious roads and sidewalks, impacts of the updates on housing construction requirements, outreach to the development community, geology

throughout the City, and building permit requirements.

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to forward the proposed recommendations regarding the 2021 City of Tacoma Stormwater Management Manual to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

2. [21-0244](#) Informational Briefing of Resolution to Strengthen the City’s Commitment to Decarbonization  
[Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 5:02 p.m., Council Member Beale made opening remarks. Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, presented a resolution to strengthen the City’s commitment to decarbonization, including an overview, background and relevant policy, summary of the resolution, costs, and the resolution timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding effects on future development if the resolution passes, cost of replacing existing systems versus installing systems in new buildings, outreach to external stakeholders, prior assessments of City-owned facilities and their power sources, methods of moving away from carbon fuels as power sources, the program to install electrical vehicle charging units in City-owned parking lots, intent of the policies versus impacts, reducing carbon impacts from transportation sources, and design and budgeting for future facilities projects.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [21-0245](#) March 24, 2021 - South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District;  
Recycle Reset Update  
April 14, 2021 - Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program;  
Puyallup Ave Transit/Complete Streets Improvement Project Update

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on March 24, 2021, and will include a presentation on the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District and a recycle reset update. She further stated that the April 14, 2021, meeting will include the first part of the update on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and an update on the Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Streets Improvement program.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

Public comment was heard from:

- 1) Lexi Brewer, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, speaking on the decarbonization resolution.
- 2) Deepa Sivarajan, Policy Manager at Climate Solutions, speaking on the decarbonization resolution.
- 3) Kierra Phifer, Government Affairs Manager, Puget Sound Energy, speaking on the decarbonization resolution.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



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Conor McCarthy, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office