



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market Street, Conference Room 16

May 14, 2014

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Walker (arrived at 4:36 p.m.).

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2014

Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Council Member Walker arrived here, at 4:36 p.m.

Parking Systems Initiatives

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Dana Brown, Public Works, reviewed the License Plate Recognition (LPR) system, including efficiencies, opportunities, and the roll out schedule. Discussion ensued regarding the type of vehicle to be used with the LPR system, procedure for vehicles without forward facing license plates, relationship with police activity, program efficiencies, parking officer presence, expanded zone patrols, and scofflaws. Chair Mello requested additional information regarding the 1,000 unpaid parking tickets.

Eric Huseby, Public Works, reviewed enhanced parking products, including integrated pricing, customer focus programs, branding, and facility maintenance and sustainability. Mr. Brown reviewed the residential parking program goals, guiding principles, and implementation schedule. Steph Farber, Parking Technical Advisory Group, reviewed parking initiative efforts in the City. Discussion ensued regarding the customer service package, parking garage accessibility, Washington State Department of Transportation signage for navigating to parking structures downtown, and commercial parking taxes. Chair Mello requested the public feedback from the community outreach.

Chair Mello stated the Tacoma Link expansion topic will be presented next.

Tacoma Link Expansion

At approximately 5:20 p.m., Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit, provided background information on the Tacoma Link expansion process. Su Comis, Sound Transit, provided a project overview, including alignment and expansion, economic development and benefits. She then reviewed the next steps of implementation, including the environmental review, funding outreach, grant applying, and community outreach, noting the Federal Transit Administration will determine

which environmental process will take place, categorical exclusion or environmental assessment. Ms. Comis stated the review process will include impacts on transportation, natural and built environments, and funding considerations.

Ms. Comis reviewed typical station types, key features, and the following proposed locations:

- Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Way and 19th Street
- MLK Jr. Way and 11th Street
- MLK Jr. Way and 6th Avenue
- Stadium District/Tacoma Avenue
- Stadium Way and South 4th Street
- Theater District/Old City Hall

Ms. Comis then reviewed operations and maintenance facility expansion, and next steps for implementation and outreach. Discussion ensued regarding funding for right of way permits and inspection fees, franchise agreements with Sound Transit, utilities assessment along the route and relocation process, local improvement districts for street improvements along the route corridor, sales tax credit, funding for different station types, different styles of stations, co-location of bus stops and light rail, relocation of the 19th Street station, options of the old city hall and 4th Street station, walking radius to proposed stations, urban design, and economic development opportunities. Chair Mello requested further review of the sales tax credit. Chair Mello requested Sound Transit discuss with Council Member Walker the placement of the MLK and 6th Ave station. Chair Mello requested Sound Transit review a route option with and without the 4th Street station. Council Member Boe requested street views of the proposed station locations and artist rendered sketches of the proposed stations. Erin Hunter, Sound Transit, stated aerial shots and street views for each station are available online, and station sketches will be available during public outreach. Ms. Comis stated Sound Transit will provide cost estimates for station style types.

Public Electric Vehicle Charging at City Facilities

At approximately 6:18 p.m., Kristi Lynett, City Manager's Office, and James Parvey, Environmental Services, provided an overview of demand, charging stations, state statute, proposed fiscal impact, Tacoma Municipal Code language, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding other municipalities' strategy and accessibility of these charging stations for only City business, including hours, badge access, and who would have access. Chair Mello requested staff bring a draft ordinance relating to this service to this Committee at the June 11, 2014 meeting. Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant to the City Manager, stated staff will also provide guidelines for this service and best practices from other jurisdictions.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated the May 28, 2014 meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. and includes Sustainable Tacoma Commission interviews. She stated the June 11, 2014 meeting may start at 4:00 p.m. to allow for presentations relating to electric vehicle charging and the Planning Commission's Annual Amendment before going on a tour of the City to observe green roads and infrastructure. Discussion ensued regarding vacancies on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

Other Items of Interest

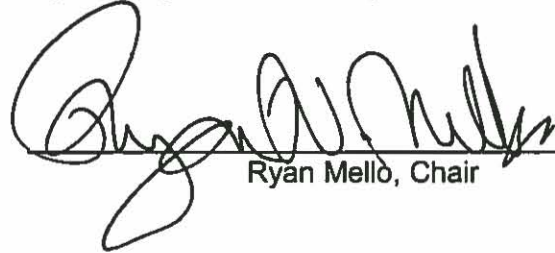
Kurtis Kingsolver, Public Works Director, stated in regards to the earlier discussion on commercial parking tax, the tax would be applicable for off-street parking, not for on-street parking.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



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