



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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May 11, 2022

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0531](#) Planning Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing five applicants for the Planning Commission, including Alyssa Torrez, who is seeking reappointment and has served since July 2019. She concluded by stating that there are three positions available, including the Architecture, Historic Preservation and/or Urban Design position, Environmental Community position, and District No. 4 position.

The Committee interviewed Alyssa Torrez, Laura Castrilli, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, and Gabriel Clark.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS) meeting recessed at 5:25 p.m.

The IPS Committee meeting reconvened at 5:31 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the positions available, position requirements, and candidate qualifications.

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Alyssa Torrez to the "District No. 4" position on the Planning Commission to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2022, to expire June 30, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Brett Marlo to the "Environmental Community" position on the Planning Commission to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2022, to expire June 30, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

MOTION: Vice Chair Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Matthew Martenson to the "Architecture, Historic Preservation, and/or Urban Design" position on the Planning Commission to serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2022, to expire June 30, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

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Discussion ensued regarding the remaining agenda items, time available, and continuing an item to a future meeting.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Ushka moved to continue Item No. 3 to a date to be determined.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Hines, McCarthy, Ushka and Walker

2. [22-0532](#)

Vision Zero and Speed Reduction

[Carrie Wilhelme, Senior Transportation Planner, Public Works]

At approximately 5:48 p.m., Carrie Wilhelme, Senior Transportation Planner, Public Works (PW), presented an update on the City's Vision Zero and speed reduction plan, including an overview; a history of Vision Zero and safe speeds, noting Resolution Nos. 40559 and 40600; the Vision Zero approach, noting comparisons to the traditional approach and safe systems; safe speeds, noting speed limit reduction targets and impacts; and the proposal to change speed limits on residential streets to 20 miles per hour, noting speed limits in other jurisdictions. Kris Norberg, Professional Engineer, PW, presented the proposal to reduce speed limits in Neighborhood Business Districts (NBDs) to 25 miles per hour, including findings from the NBD study, noting areas supporting speed reduction, pending coordination or projects, and areas where countermeasures would be needed. Wilhelme concluded by presenting projects underway and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding speed enforcement, Tacoma Police Department resources, traffic calming practices, classification of residential versus arterial streets, parking areas along streets, quick-build projects, automatic cameras, equity in enforcement, determining the need for speed reduction, funding sources and uses, and the timeline for projects.

3. [22-0533](#)

Urban Design Project Phase 1

[Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager; Stephen Antupit, Senior Planner; Carl Metz, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services]

This Item was continued to a date to be determined earlier in the meeting.

4. [22-0534](#)

Sidewalk Funding

[Chair Walker]

At approximately 6:28 p.m., Chair Walker presented an update on sidewalk funding in the City of Tacoma, including an overview of a presentation provided at the March 22, 2022, City Council study session; and how

communities are addressing missing and unsafe sidewalks, noting point of sale sidewalk repair, transportation impact fees, and streets initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding work being done by the Government Performance and Finance Committee, sidewalk and curb requirements, the Local Improvement District process, the Tacoma Permit Advisory Group, utilizing the Equity Index in the City's Streets Initiative, funding to help property owners address unfit and unsafe sidewalks, the Bicycle Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group proposals, and the possibility of utilizing Build Back Better Act funds.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

5. [22-0535](#) May 25, 2022 - 2022 Annual Amendment; Home in Tacoma - Phase 2 Alternatives
June 8, 2022 - Historic Districts in Tacoma; Impact Fee Framework Follow-up
June 22, 2022 - South Tacoma Economic Green Zones;
Intro Conversation on Planning Work Program

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on May 25, 2022, and will include updates on the 2022 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code and the Home in Tacoma Project - Phase 2 alternatives; that the June 8, 2022, meeting will include updates on historic districts in Tacoma, the Tideflats Regulations, and Accessory Dwelling Units. Sims concluded by stating the June 22, 2022, meeting will include updates on the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, an introductory conversation on the Planning Work Program, and the Capital Facilities Update.

Discussion ensued regarding time expectations of meetings, time commitments, and possibly having different start times for meetings.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Jenn Halverson Kuehn, speaking on speed reduction and sidewalk funding.
2. Kerri, speaking on sidewalk funding.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Kristina Walker, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office