



Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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

April 23, 2014

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: None.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2014

Council Member Boe moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Ibsen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Green Resolutions

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Kristi Lynett, City Manager's Office, provided opening remarks on sustainability efforts in the City. She continued to review the proposed Sustainable Material Management Plan, Green Roads Policy and Program, and the Green Events Program, including issues, outreach, program rollout, benefits, requirements, and scorecards. Mike Slevin, Environmental Services (ES) Director, provided information on the Food Waste Pilot Program. Jessica Knickerbocker, ES, reviewed the rating system and fees to become Greenroads certified. Ms. Lynett reviewed the proposed resolutions, future outreach, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding scorecards, food waste recycling, plastic/paper bags, plastic cups and bottles, certification standards and fees, pavement standards, cost examples, fiscal impacts, funding, and grants. Council Member Walker requested information on other jurisdictions policies on plastic bags, recycling programs, reusable bags, taxes, and waste practices. Council Member Boe requested information on the use of soy or alternative materials for sustainable bags.

Council Member Walker moved to forward the Sustainable Material Management Plan, Green Roads Policy and Program, and the Green Events Program to the full Council for approval. Seconded by Council Member Boe. Public comment was heard from Phil Coughlan and Christine Cooley of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission; and Ken Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

2014 Annual Amendment

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services (PDS), provided background information on the annual amendment process. Mr. Boudet and Lihuang Wung, PDS, reviewed the nine proposed amendments, including the Point Ruston mixed-use center, Point Defiance Park land use policies, Mixed-Use Centers code review, affordable housing, container port element, open space habitat and recreation element, sustainability code

amendment, urban forestry landscaping code update, and plan and code cleanup. Mr. Wung concluded with a review of outreach and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding interlocal agreements with the Town of Ruston, affordable housing, area-wide median income, mixed income communities, a parking bonus for mixed-use centers, small lot standards, core area, transfer of development rights code amendment, electric vehicle parking and infrastructure provision, policies on electric capacity, low impact development barriers, roads with street trees, biodiversity, streetscape, and pipe stem lot standards. Chair Mello asked the Planning Commission to review the electric vehicle requirements by building occupancy. Council Member Boe requested information regarding the sustainability code amendments setback and height exception for exterior insulation relating to existing buildings and new development.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is May 14, 2014 with presentations relating to Sound Transit-Tacoma Link expansion and parking system initiatives. She stated the start time for the meeting of May 28, 2014 may be moved forward to 4:00 p.m. due to the City of Destiny Awards. Ms. Stoltman stated interviews for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission may be held at the May 28, 2014 meeting.

Other Items of Interest

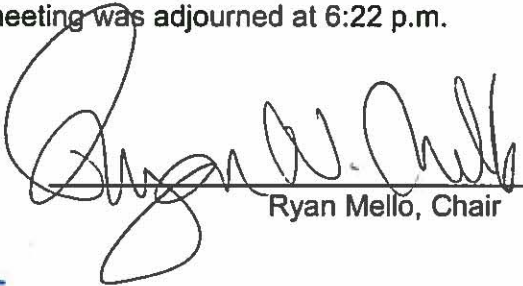
Discussion ensued regarding the content of the Sound Transit presentation.

Public Comment


Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office



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