



## **MINUTES**

(Approved August 4, 2021)

**MEETING:** Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 5:00 p.m.  
**PRESENT:** Anna Petersen (Chair), Jeff McInnis (Vice-Chair), Carolyn Edmonds, Ryan Givens, David Horne, Christopher Karnes, Brett Santhuff, Andrew Strobel, Alyssa Torrez  
**ABSENT:** N/A

### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Petersen read the Land Acknowledgement.

### **B. Approval of Agenda**

*Vice-Chair McInnis moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Horne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **C. Approval of Minutes**

- May 19, 2021
- June 16, 2021

*Commissioner Strobel moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2021, and June 16, 2021, meetings. Commissioner Karnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **D. Public Comments**

Public comments were not accepted for the discussion item, which was the subject of a recent public hearing.

### **E. Disclosure of Contacts**

There were no disclosures of contacts.

### **F. Discussion Item**

#### **1. 2022 Amendment Assessment – Debriefing & Determination**

- **NewCold Land Use Designation Change Request**
- **South Sound Christian Schools Land Use Designation Change**
- **South Tacoma Economic Green Zone**
- **Minor Plan and Code Amendments**

Larry Harala, Planning Services Division, facilitated the Commission's debriefing of the Public Scoping Hearing on the subject held on June 16, 2021. He provided an overview of the 2022 Annual Amendment process and timeline, an assessment of the four applications, a summary of public comments received through the scoping hearing process, and staff recommendations. Mr. Harala indicated that staff recommends that the Commission accept all four applications and move them forward to technical analysis, with minor modifications to the respective scopes of work, including additional studies needed for the "NewCold" and "Christian Schools" applications and phased approach for the "Economic Green Zone" application.

Vice-Chair McInnis expressed support of all applications and asked if the timeline of the amendment process would be sufficient in regards to the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone.

Commissioner Givens asked if a full subarea plan would be a possibility for the South Tacoma Economic Green Zone.

*Vice-Chair McInnis moved to accept all four applications and move them forward to technical analysis. Commissioner Edmonds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously*

## **G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)**

(1) Agenda for the August 4, 2021, meeting includes:

- Impact Fees Program Update
- Planning Commission Annual Report 2020-2021 and Work Program 2021-2023

(2) Agenda for the August 18, 2021, meeting includes:

- 2022 Amendment – Analysis

## **H. Communication Items**

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

(1) Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, informed the Commission of the following:

- Resolution No. 40794 was adopted by the City Council on June 8, 2021, requesting the Planning Commission to review existing restrictions regarding storage containers.
- Director's Rule 01-2021, signed on June 14, 2021, and Rule 02-2021, signed on June 23, 2021, seek to align permitting activities with implementation of Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan, such as expediting the permitting process and fee waivers for the predevelopment process for sustainable projects and affordable housing projects.
- The Tidelands Non-Interim Regulations discussion is continuing at the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability (IPS) Committee, and IPS should have their review completed and forwarded to the City Council by the end of August.
- The City Council held a public hearing on the proposed Home In Tacoma Project on July 13, 2021, and received a large amount of community input, expressing both support and opposition. The IPS Committee is scheduled to review the Home In Tacoma Project and send recommendations to the City Council by the end of October.
- Virtual meetings will be shifting to a hybrid design in the near future.

(2) Status Reports by Commissioners – TOD Advisory Group, Housing Equity Task Force.

- Commissioner Karnes reported that the TOD Advisory Group is forwarding to the Transportation Commission its Progress Report No. 2 regarding the recommendations on the Portland Avenue Station Area and Progress Report No. 3 regarding the TOD principles and toolkit.

(3) Lihuang Wung, Planning Services Division, informed the Commission that the IPS Committee is scheduled to conduct interviews for Planning Commission vacancies on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., and newly appointed members may be joining the Commission at the August 18, 2021, meeting.

(4) Mr. Wung, Mr. Boudet, Chair Petersen, Vice-Chair McInnis, and Commissioner Strobel acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Horne for his time served on the Commission.

## **I. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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