



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

July 17, 2019

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Chris Beale, Anders Ibsen,
Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Approval of Minutes

1. [19-0711](#) Approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Chair Mello stated Agenda Item No. 5 regarding the Planning Commission discussion will be addressed first.

Briefing Items

5. [19-0716](#) Planning Commission Discussion
[Council Member Mello, City Council]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Chair Mello provided information regarding a recent vacancy of the Council District No. 2 position on the

Planning Commission (PC), including who was in the position and the reason for the resignation. He concluded by providing a recommendation to reassign Commission Member Carolyn Edmonds from the Public Transportation position into the Council District No. 2 position, which would give the opportunity to fill the Public Transportation position .

Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Edmonds' term end date if reassigned, the Public Transportation position, and confirmation that the recommended reassignment is not unprecedented.

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the reassignment of Carolyn Edmonds to the “Council District No. 2” position on the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

2. [19-0695](#)

Passenger Ferry Study

[Gil Cerise, Principal Planner, Puget Sound Regional Council]

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Gil Cerise, Principal Planner, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), provided a briefing on the passenger-only ferry (POF) study, including a background of Puget Sound's Mosquito Fleet; history of the Mosquito Fleet decline, Washington State's POFs, and of locals filling the POF void; the 2008 PSRC POF study details; and Puget Sound POF routes. He reviewed data showing Puget Sound POF ridership, the growing ridership for all ferries, and the seasonal ridership of POF. Mr. Cerise concluded by outlining the 2019 Puget Sound POF study details, and overall approach to route assessment and schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding progress made on the electrification of ferries and what the next steps are, an idea to collaborate with Tacoma Public Utilities, presenting financial feasibility of the routes and governance structure in the study for other agencies to review, City of Tacoma's Fast Ferry feasibility study, and augmenting the study's scope.

3. [19-0694](#) Tacoma Municipal Code 11.05 Model Traffic Ordinance Amendment
[Brennan Kidd, Principal Engineer; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, Director, Public Works]

At approximately 4:56 p.m., Brennan Kidd, Principal Engineer, Public Works (PW), provided an overview of Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 11.05 Model Traffic Ordinance, including background; issues with East “R” Street, noting the proposed conversation for a one-way channelization; and issues with State Route 509 North and South Frontage Roads. He outlined the proposed revisions to TMC Title 11, noting amendments to Sections 11.05.150 One-Way Streets Designated, 11.05.490 Arterial Streets Designated, and 11.05.540 Forty Miles per Hour Limit – Streets Designated; creating Section 11.05.542 Fifty Miles per Hour Limit – Streets Designation; and amending Chapter 11.55 Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor. He concluded by reviewing the health, equity, and sustainability analysis; outreach; next steps; and recommendations.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding one-way streets listed in the TMC and the need to add the proposed East “R” Street one-way channelization to it.

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to forward the proposed amendments to TMC Title 11 to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ibsen.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

4. [19-0700](#) Amendments to the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property
[Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, Director, Public Works]

At approximately 5:09 p.m., Jennifer Hines, Assistant Division Manager, PW, presented proposed amendments to the Policy for the Sale/Disposition of City-owned General Government Real Property, including background, focus areas, and collaboration with the Community and Economic Development Housing Division and the Office of Equity and Human Rights for the new policy language. She reviewed the updated language of specific sections, including Section B Guiding Principles for the Disposition of General Government Property; and Section C Property Classification, noting three disposition tiers with differing policy objectives and that the City is

enacting House Bill (HB) 2382. She concluded by stating Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) will be using the updated language as a template to build a new policy with the same prioritization of affordable housing and equity.

Discussion ensued regarding next steps for TPU's updated policy, criteria and requirements of the three disposition tiers, if the policy is in the TMC, and inclusion of HB 2382 session in the language.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Carl Anderson, Tacoma Tenants Organizing Committee (TTOC).
2. Amanda DeShazo, Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium.
3. Molly Nichols, TTOC.

Discussion continued on if the gifting of land to a nonprofit entity is already authorized and in the proposal, inclusion of language pertaining to ensuring the permanence of affordable housing and rewarding applicants, and next steps.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

6. [19-0714](#) August 7, 2019 - Board of Building Appeals Interviews; Transportation Commission Interviews
7. [19-0715](#) August 21, 2019 - Planning Commission Interviews; Planning Commission Annual Report and Work Program; Urban Forestry Management Plan

Nick Anderson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 7, 2019, and will include Board of Building Appeals and Transportation Commission interviews, and the meeting on August 21, 2019 will include PC interviews and a presentation on the Urban Forestry Management Plan. He concluded by stating the PC Annual Report and Work Program will be moved to the September 4, 2019 Committee meeting.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Beale stated he is interested in receiving information on the Chinese Reconciliation Park study data and to learn how the future phases of the park are moving forward and how Council can best support it.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office