



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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July 28, 2021

4:30 PM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristina Walker, Chris Beale,
Lillian Hunter, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0734](#) Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Review
[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services;
Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Chair McCarthy provided opening remarks and a recap of the review meetings held by the Committee so far regarding the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations.

Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services (PDS), presented updates to Tacoma Municipal Code Title 13, related to the Land Use Regulatory Code, including definitions, the conditional use permit (CUP) process, criteria for chemical use, high impact uses and criteria, and recommended changes to Title 13 from the Planning Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding public outreach and receiving community input; differences between the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and CUP processes, noting possible effects process requirements can have on project progress, and appealing the decision of either process; and how lead agencies are determined for projects.

Chair McCarthy invited Bruce Martin, Energy Resource Manager, WestRock, Tacoma, and Michael Catsi, Economic Development Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) to join the panel. Mr. Martin presented on WestRock, Tacoma, including history and use, employment statistics, community impacts, how the suggested new definitions of high-impact use would affect the business, and current and upcoming projects that would be affected by code changes. Mr. Catsi presented on TPU and chemical manufacturing, including work done by TPU towards cleaner fuel production and decarbonization; providing power to customers; chemical manufacturing based on hydrogen; and the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the North American Product Classification System (NAPCS), noting what the NAICS code is, chemical manufacturing under the NAICS code, what products fall under chemical manufacturing, NAICS code 6-digit sub categories, and range of products; and possible effects if there was an outright ban on chemical manufacturing.

Discussion ensued regarding investment in green utilities, chemical uses with possible negative impacts, mitigating environmental impacts, recycling as a high-impact use, and code that is already in place that impacts recycling processes.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-0735](#) August 11, 2021 - Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Review:
Residential Uses (tentative)
August 25, 2021 - Planning Commission Interviews; Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations
Review: Government-Government Feedback (tentative)

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on August 11, 2021, and will include the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations topic of residential uses. She further stated that the August 25, 2021, meeting will include the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations topic of government-to-government feedback and the Planning Commission interviews, noting the possibility of these interviews being rescheduled.

Discussion ensued regarding having a special meeting on August 18, 2021.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Only written comments were accepted for this meeting. The Committee received nine written comments regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming opportunities to provide written comment and the delivery of written comment to the Committee members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office