



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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August 25, 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 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0823](#)

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 summary of the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meetings held so far regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, current staff work, and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding voting on the proposed recommendations; and issues that arose in stakeholder's meetings that should be considered in the Tideflats Subarea Plan and not the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations discussion, including regulation of throughput and transshipping, establishing greenhouse gas reduction targets, and industrial insurance and liability.

Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, presented the proposed amendments with draft code and definition language, noting permitting new and expanded cleaner fuel facilities; permitting limited petroleum fuel facility expansion; petroleum fuel facility projects for maintenance, safety, security, or that are required to meet regulatory changes; national security petroleum fuel facilities; marine vessels petroleum fuel facilities; and projects which have

undergone environmental review and mitigated impacts.

Discussion ensued regarding comparisons with other jurisdictions, the Washington State Clean Fuel Standard exemptions, noting exemptions and requirements for credit-generating fuels over the life of the program; how the amendments and definitions were created; the enhanced State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process; project conditions that will trigger the need for an Environmental Impact Statement; fossil fuel facility and storage expansion; regulations for marine vessels and fuels; how to ensure the City is the lead agency in any SEPA review; determining the need for new or expanded fuel infrastructure; and bringing the Committee's recommendations to the full City Council.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-0825](#) August 30, 2021 (Special Meeting) Tentative - Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Discussion
 September 1, 2021 (Special Meeting) - Planning Commission Annual Report 2020-2021 and Work Program 2021-2023;
 Impact Fee Framework;
 Written Reports to the Committee:
 - 1) Air Quality and Monitoring Update;
 - 2) Sustainable Tacoma Commission Annual Report; and
 - 3) Wastewater Comprehensive Plan and Watershed Management Plan
 September 8, 2021 - Transportation Commission Interviews; Home in Tacoma

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be a special meeting held on August 25, 2021, and will include the finalization of the recommendations on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, and that there will be a special meeting on September 1, 2021, that will include the Planning Commission annual report and work program, an update on the Impact Fee framework, and written reports from Environmental Services. She concluded by stating that the September 8, 2021, meeting will include interviews for the Transportation Commission and an update on the Home in Tacoma Project.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

3. [21-0847](#) Written Public Comment

The Committee accepted only written comment for this meeting. The Committee received 41 written comments regarding the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Conor McCarthy, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office