



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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February 08, 2023

4:30 PM

Chair Kristina Walker, Vice Chair Olgy Diaz, John Hines,
Catherine Ushka, Joe Bushnell (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Diaz, Hines, Walker and Ushka

Council Members Diaz and Ushka participated virtually.

Public Comment

[23-0143](#)

Written Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Tim Smith, speaking on the Tacoma Water overview.
2. Esther Day, speaking on the Tacoma Water overview.

Briefing Items

Item No. 3 was addressed before Item No. 1.

3. [23-0110](#)

Facility Advisory Committee Formation

[Nick Anderson, Principal Financial Services Analyst,
Office of Management and Budget]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Nick Anderson, Principal Financial Services Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, presented on the formation of the Facility Advisory Committee (FAC), including an agenda; General Government facilities; project timeline; Committee of the Whole presentation overview; status of the FAC as of February 1, 2023; scope; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding City Council purview and priorities, the criteria development process, inter-governmental partnerships, and next steps.

1. [23-0108](#) Tacoma Water Overview - Groundwater Supply and Anticipated PFAS Regulations [Glen George, Civil Engineer; Craig Downs, Assistant Division Manager, Tacoma Water]

At approximately 4:51 p.m., Glen George, Civil Engineer, Tacoma Water (TW), presented the TW overview, including the water supply, the Integrated Resource Plan, the South Tacoma aquifer location, the South Tacoma wellfield, annual well production, South Tacoma groundwater recharge, and the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD).

Discussion ensued regarding the water supply and factors that affect it, water consumption rates and demands, protections for groundwater recharge areas, how aquifers recharge, the City's water rights, and planning for future well pumps.

Craig Downs, Water Utility Assistant Division Manager, TW, continued by presenting on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), PFAS regulatory development to date, TW PFAS sampling, long-term planning regarding PFAS, and a conclusion.

Discussion ensued regarding the life cycle of products with PFAS, testing for PFAS in well water and aquifers, methods for removing PFAS, historic use of PFAS and the results, finding PFAS in TAGRO, growing vegetables at home in TAGRO versus City soil, and the variety of PFAS chemicals present in the environment.

2. [23-0109](#) Planning Commission Work Program - Mid-Cycle Update [Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented the Planning Commission (PC) work program mid-cycle update, including an agenda; the work program requirement; the reporting schedule; sources; annual versus off-cycle amendments; the planning and development process; key projects in 2023, noting the annual amendments package applications and off-cycle projects; and preliminary key projects in 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding the key projects in 2023 and possibly adding more projects, commercial space along highways and near schools, how the work program relates to the Home in Tacoma (HIT) Project, the capacity of the PC, developing pre-approved plans for items such as Accessory Dwelling

Units, parking management and chargers for electric vehicles, the key projects in 2024, and budgeting for projects in 2024.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [23-0111](#) February 22, 2023-Outline of Tree Ordinance Review; Neighborhood Planning Program Update; Urban Design Program Update
March 8, 2023- Tacoma Recycles Right: Multi-Family Engagement Study
March 22, 2023- Policy for co-located/mixed use buildings;
2024 Comprehensive Plan Update; Home In Tacoma - Phase 2

Cathy Sims, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on February 22, 2023, and will include updates on the tree ordinance, the Neighborhood Planning Program, and the Urban Design Program; the March 8, 2023, meeting will include an update on the Tacoma recycles right engagement study; and that the March 22, 2023, meeting will include updates on the policy for co-located/mixed-use buildings, the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, and the HIT Project Phase 2.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a special meeting for the Committee and connecting with the committees, boards, and commissions that the Committee oversees.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Ushka stated she will miss the presentation on the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning Program and wanted to extend her support.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Kristina Walker, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office