



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

May 24, 2017

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,
Conor McCarthy, Robert Thoms, Keith Blocker (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Mello called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Present: 3 - Mello, Ibsen and Thoms

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0529](#) Approval of the minutes of April 26, 2017

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Mello, Ibsen and Thoms

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. [17-0530](#) Historic Demolition Review/Code Updates
[Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Reuben McKnight, Planning and Development Services, provided an overview of the presentation and reviewed background information, key questions, policy foundation, current status quo, potential approaches, data sources for historic inventories, policy framework proposal,

and potential code areas.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the meaning of the review, duration of the pilot, area coverage, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) threshold exemptions, developers' interest, and demolition application process.

Chair Mello proposed the City Manager's Office hold a SEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) 101 class during a Study Session or Committee meeting.

Assistant City Manager Mark Lauzier noted that he will schedule the class to be held at a Study Session.

3. [17-0531](#)

Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management/Long Term Solid Waste Contract Extension

[Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services; Gary Kato, Solid Waste Management Division Manager, Environmental Services]

At approximately 5:11 p.m., Gary Kato, Environmental Services (ES), made opening remarks and introduced Lewis Griffith, ES, and John Rogers and Jody Snyder, Waste Connections. He then provided an overview of the Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), including the background, the need for updating SWMP, plan framework, vision and goals, formal review and approval process, and planning process. Mr. Griffith then provided information on disposal contract options, existing contract with Land Recover, Inc. (LRI), average disposal rate, inflation impacts, regional rail cost, projected disposal costs, other considerations with rail, and staff recommendations.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the landfill capacity, effect on comprehensive plan, today's rate on disposal, LRI costs, rail haul facility options, contract extension timeline, and timeline for City Council approval.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [17-0533](#)

June 14, 2017 - 2018 Amendments Progress and Key Issues/Planning Work Program, Foss Stormwater/Sediment Program, and Sustainable Tacoma Commission Applicant Selection

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 14, 2017, and will include a discussion on the 2018 amendment progress and key issues of Planning Work program; Foss Stormwater/Sediment program; and selection of an applicant, from the previously held interviews on April 12, 2017, for the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of the SEPA EIS 101 class.

Public Comment

Public Comment began at 5:07 p.m.

Marshall McClintock, 701 North J Street, speaking on important details of demolition review.

Public Comment ended at 5:09 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Sola Wingenbach, City Clerk's Office