



# City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

September 27, 2017

4:30 PM

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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 McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0964](#) Approval of the minutes of July 26, 2017
2. [17-0966](#) Approval of the minutes of August 9, 2017
3. [17-0967](#) Approval of the minutes of August 23, 2017

**MOTION:** Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, August 9, and August 23, 2017 meetings.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member McCarthy.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Mello, Ibsen and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

## Briefing Items

4. [17-0968](#) Transportation Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated the Committee members will be interviewing six applicants for four positions open on the Transportation Commission, consisting of two At-Large positions and Council District No. 4 and 5 positions.

The Committee interviewed Evette Mason, Cassandra Brown, Thomas Huff, Sarah Miller, Bucoda Warren, and Raymond Williams IV.

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates, geographical diversity, and needs of the Commission.

**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the reappointment of Evette Mason to the Transportation Commission to the At-Large No. 1 position to serve a three-year term to expire July 31, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Mello, Ibsen and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Bucoda Warren to the Transportation Commission to the Council District No. 5 position to serve a three-year term to expire July 31, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Mello, Ibsen and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Cassandra Brown to the Transportation Commission to the Council District No. 4 position to serve a three-year term to expire July 31, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Mello, Ibsen and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

**MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Sarah Miller to the Transportation Commission to the At-Large No. 2 position to serve a three-year term to expire July 31, 2020.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Mello, Ibsen and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Thoms

5. [17-0970](#)

Parking Initiative Update

[Dana Brown, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 5:38 p.m., Dana Brown, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works (PW), made opening remarks and provided information relative to the City's parking system, including an overview on competencies of the parking system, history, and the Parking Enterprise Fund and its funded projects. Eric Huseby, Parking Services Manager, PW, provided information on the parking initiatives that are in progress, including the residential parking program and enhanced parking enforcement system, and reviewed the new online warning system which tracks issued warnings. He then provided information on the City's work with the Parking Technical Advisory Group, including development and implementation of the Downtown parking system and its expansion, the residential parking program, and upcoming projects. He concluded by providing information on the parking system branding initiative in an effort to differentiate the City's parking system from other entities in Tacoma.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of Parking Enforcement Officers, the annual labor cost on parking enforcement, parking citation fees collected per year, punitive parking system for people who cannot afford the tickets, the goal of the parking system, relations between the City's parking system and the court system, and warnings versus citations.

6. [17-0971](#)

Model Traffic Ordinance Update

[Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works]

At approximately 5:58 p.m., Josh Diekmann, Assistant Division Manager, PW, made opening remarks and provided information on the proposed changes to the Model Traffic Ordinance, including an overview, background, and issues. He stated the proposed amendments include clean up to previously approved revisions to Title 11 of the municipal code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance, updates to the existing conditions, change in speed limits, and changes to South 32nd Street westbound and Pacific Avenue. He then stated the new proposed amendments, which are in regards to parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods, vehicular weight, penalties, and automated traffic safety cameras. He concluded by reviewing outreach efforts and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding speed limits, potential controversies, and outreach efforts.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

7. [17-0972](#)

October 11, 2017 - 2018 Amendments and Planning Work Program Update, Skip Vaughn Trail Naming, and Biogas Project

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on October 11, 2017, and will include 2018 Amendments and Planning Work Program update, Skip Vaughn Trail Naming, and Biogas project.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Ryan Mello, Chair

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Sola Wingenbach, City Clerk's Office