



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

November 08, 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 4:33 p.m.

Present: 3 - Mello, Ibsen and Thoms

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [17-1147](#) Brewery District Infrastructure
[Ian Munce, Management Analyst II, Planning and Development Services;
Kurtis Kingsolver, Director, Public Works; Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental
Services]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Ian Munce, Management Analyst II, Planning and Development Services, made opening remarks and provided an overview on promoting economic development through upfront State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review, including the regional growth center with citywide targets, and Puget Sound Regional Council's growing transit communities.

Council Member McCarthy arrived here, at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Munce continued by providing a description of the overarching project goals, and the University of Washington Tacoma master plan. He presented the proposed policy, project, and code actions, a map of the south downtown subarea, and described the project goals. He provided maps of the current and planned Brewery District development projects and potential utility work and described information on the Brewery District work program, including the scope, goal, study area boundaries, and the planned schedule. Mr. Munce concluded his presentation with the Brewery District's outstanding issues and

introduced Chris Larson, Engineering Division Manager, Public Works. Mr. Larson proceeded to discuss grants for the projects, areas to improve located on the current and planned Brewery District maps, and partnerships.

Discussion ensued regarding partnerships and developers on the projects, planned projects, bringing in recommendations and options to the Committee, late comers fee, Local Improvement Districts, and challenges faced. The conversation continued about urban versus commuter campus master plan and development rolls, the Prairie Line Trail project funding, development, partnership, and the relocation of Public Works including the conditions and challenges encountered. Discussion concluding regarding Tacoma Public Utility involvement, alignment with the project such as key policies in place, and broad implementation within the City.

2. [17-1146](#)

Planning Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated the Committee will be interviewing two applicants for the Planning Commission to fill one unexpired term available for the District No. 5 position.

The Committee interviewed Joe Bushnell and Gabriel Rhee.

Discussion ensued regarding the candidates' qualifications and experiences.

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Joe Bushnell to the Council District No. 5 position on the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2018, followed by a three-year term to expire June 30, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 2 - McCarthy and Thoms

Nays: 2 - Mello and Ibsen

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to recommend the appointment of Gabriel Rhee to the Council District No. 5 position on the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2018, followed by a three-year term to expire June 30, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Chair Mello.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and failed. The motion was declared failed.

Ayes: 2 - Mello and Ibsen

Nays: 2 - McCarthy and Thoms

Discussion ensued regarding the next steps in staffing the Planning Commission.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [17-1149](#) November 22, 2017-Cancelled
December 13, 2017- Landmarks Preservation Commission Interviews, Revolving Loan for Historic Buildings Pilot Program

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the November 22, 2017 meeting is cancelled, and the topics for the meeting on December 13, 2017 will include Landmarks Preservation Commission interviews and revolving loan for Historic Buildings Pilot program.

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 5:32 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Jessica Jenkins, City Clerk's Office