



City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 25, 2018

4:30 PM

Chair Ryan Mello, Vice Chair Anders Ibsen,
Chris Beale, Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Chair Mello participated telephonically.

Approval of Minutes

1. [18-0412](#) Approval of the minutes of February 28, 2018

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Mello.

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

Ayes: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. [18-0413](#) Environmental Action Plan Year Two Progress Report
[Kristi Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Jim Parvey, Environmental Services Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, made opening remarks and provided an overview of the report, including examples

to understand target graphics. Kristi Lynett, Sustainability Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, presented an overview of the target point for actions, including where the target goals met or were exceeded, where target goals were not met, action areas and statuses, stakeholders and advocates involved, transportation targets and actions, fuel reduction policy, material management target and actions, natural systems targets and actions, air quality and local foods, and climate resiliency. Ms. Lynett then presented on equity throughout the development of this plan and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout on community solar goals, involvement of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, City employees living within the City limits, electrical car data from 2016, bicycle infrastructure, an update on green roads policy and program, and threshold for future capital projects.

3. [18-0414](#)

Tree Planting Policy/Urban Forestry

[Jim Parvey, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability; Mike Carey, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Urban Forestry; Rae Bailey, Street Operations Division Manager, Public Works; Sara Low, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Urban Forestry]

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Mr. Parvey made opening remarks and introduced Mike Carey, Management Analyst III, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, and Rae Bailey, Division Manager, Public Works. Mr. Carey presented an overview of urban forestry, including conditions of a healthy urban forest, benefits of trees to the environment and health, statistics of green spaces, community health and safety improvements, economy benefits, the decline of Puget Sound forests, and the impact of urban tree canopies. He reviewed the adopted policies, including the Urban Forest Policy Element and the Environmental Action Plan, City tree canopy coverage and comparisons to other jurisdictions, urban forest resources involved, Tacoma Municipal Code examples related to tree planting policies and urban forestry, tree responsibilities in the City, and resident concerns regarding trees. Mr. Parvey concluded on next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout on reasons behind the decline of Puget Sound forests, progress of "30 by 30", urban forestry funding and staffing, comparisons to other jurisdictions and consistency, tree removal process, tree protection standards, City budget for hazardous trees, involvement of Code Enforcement, funding, next steps, and overall goals.

Public comment was heard from:

1. Jori Adkins, National Trust for Nature Conservation.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [18-0415](#) May 9, 2018 - Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews, Landmarks Preservation Commission Annual Report, Traffic Light Synchronization

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 9, 2018 and will include Sustainable Tacoma Commission interviews, Landmarks Preservation Commission Annual Report, and Traffic Light Synchronization. Ms. Boydston stated the meeting of May 23, 2018 is cancelled, and the meeting of May 30, 2018 will include Planning Commission interviews and a Cushman and Adams Substation update.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Stacy Manthou, City Clerk's Office