



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 10, 2019

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

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

Present: 3 - Beale, Ibsen and Mello

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Deputy Mayor McCarthy arrived at 4:39 p.m.

Briefing Items

1. [19-0339](#) Solid Waste Management Commingled Recycling
[Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Management Division Manager,
Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Mike Slevin, Director, Environmental Services (ES), introduced Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Management Division Manager, ES, and Preston Peck, ES, and provided background information on the commingled recycling program in Tacoma, issues faced in the market today, and community outreach the Solid Waste Division has conducted.

Deputy Mayor McCarthy arrived here, at 4:39 p.m.

Mr. Griffith presented the proposed actions, including limited recycling, partial recycling, maintaining full curbside recycling, and maintaining full recycling plus; community engagement; feedback demographics; feedback results; the health, equity and sustainability analysis; recommendations; and next steps.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding multi re-use facilities, the difference between the proposed actions, waiving the surcharge for low income customers, satellite versus curbside systems, rules for China

accepting recycling, the revenue generated by customers in the recommendation, and staffing opinions around glass boxes.

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Charles Mann, Central Neighborhood Council

MOTION: Deputy Mayor McCarthy moved to forward the commingled recycling program to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Beale.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Ibsen, McCarthy and Mello

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [19-0388](#) April 24, 2019 - Sustainable Tacoma Commission Work Plan and Rename of Puyallup River Bridge

Bucoda Warren, Committee Liaison, stated the April 24, 2019, meeting will include the Sustainable Tacoma Commission Work Plan and the Renaming of the Puyallup River Bridge and the street over the bridge.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

1. Charles Mann, Central Neighborhood Council, speaking on neighborhood covenants, land use, and zoning.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Ryan Mello, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office