



# City of Tacoma Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

October 16, 2019

4:30 PM

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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 4:35 p.m.

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

**Absent:** 1 - Beale

Deputy Mayor McCarthy participated telephonically.

## Briefing Items

1. [19-1130](#) Urban Forestry Management Plan  
[Mike Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager, Office of Environment Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:36 p.m., Mike Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, introduced Chris Peiffer, Director of Urban Forestry Consulting Services, PlanIT Geo, and together they presented the urban forestry management plan, including an overview; the six planning elements of phase one, noting existing policies and plans, city staff interviews, urban forest benchmarks, high-level and in-depth data analysis, community interests and input, and urban forest sustainability and management audit; and conclusions.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding reconciling greater density of population with tree canopy growth, pushback from developers, and next steps.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [19-1131](#) November 6, 2019 - Sustainable Tacoma Commission Interviews, Electric Vehicle Update, and Code Updates for Electric Vehicle Adaption

Tasha Ware, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on November 6, 2019, and will include Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC) interviews, an electric vehicle update, and code updates for electric vehicle adaption. Chair Mello stated that he will be making a request to the Committee for a recommendation to the full City Council to expand the STC from the current eleven members to thirteen members.

## 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 5:27 p.m.

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Ryan Mello, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office