



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

733 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 16

April 26, 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 4:35 p.m.

Present: 3 - Mello, Ibsen and Thoms

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Approval of Minutes

1. [17-0437](#) Approval of the minutes of April 12, 2017

MOTION: Council Member Ibsen moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting.

SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Thoms.

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

Ayes: 3 - Mello, Ibsen and Thoms

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

Briefing Items

2. [17-0438](#) Environmental Action Plan Update
[Kristi Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability,
Environmental Services]

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Jim Parvey, Environmental Services, provided opening remarks and an overview on the Environmental Action Plan, noting this is the first annual progress report. He introduced Kristi Lynett and Jeanne Walter, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, and Phil Coughlan and Lexi Brewer, Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

Ms. Lynett discussed target levels in the Plan and the status of reaching the targets in the following areas: buildings and energy, transportation, materials management, natural systems, air and local food, and climate resiliency. She stated the Commission is using this data to inform their work plan and the Environmental Services Department is using it to inform the upcoming strategic plan. She concluded by stating that staff recommends continued and expanded funding for Plan actions to accomplish the five-year targets outlined in the Plan. Mr. Coughlan and Ms. Brewer provided comments regarding the Plan and priorities, and the need for public education and resources, especially a Resource Conservation Manager position.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the various targets and status updates provided, including Tacoma Power advanced metering infrastructure, solar energy, single-occupancy vehicle trips, walkability and infrastructure, multi-family recycling accounts, tree canopies, daylighting the equity focus in some of the targets, efforts from all of the City's utilities regarding planning for climate resiliency and risks, the request for a Resource Conservation Manager position, regional collaboration, and Tacoma Power's strategic energy management program.

3. 17-0439

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

[Kristi Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, Environmental Services]

At approximately 5:33 p.m. Mr. Parvey stated the 2008 Climate Action Plan called for periodic reports on greenhouse gas (GHG) production, and the last one was completed in 2012. He reviewed the importance of GHG emissions inventories, stating the 2016 Climate Risk Assessment Report reports that average temperature is projected to increase by approximately 5 degrees by the 2050s, with longer and more often heatwaves, and the ocean will continue to warm and acidify which is greatly impacting sea life, with a rising sea level that is increasing flooding. Ms. Lynett then presented the data and goals, including hypothetical paths, comparing inventories year to year, community reduction goals and estimated emissions, 2016 community emissions in CO₂e, 2016 government operations, GHG emissions by source, consumption-based inventories and King County's data. Mr. Parvey stated there is progress in many areas but transportation is going the wrong direction and is the largest component of GHG production in Tacoma. He concluded by presenting next steps, including using the GHG inventory to focus on high GHG sectors, focusing on the transportation sector, and increasing local production and purchases.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the need for stronger action items and potential incentives for reducing GHG emission, consumption-based emissions, transportation, and where to focus efforts.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [17-0440](#) May 10, 2017- Board of Building Appeals Interviews, Safe Routes to School Update, Transportation Annual Work Plan, Environmental Services Strategic Plan Update

Rebecca Boydston, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on May 10, 2017, and will include updates on the implementation of the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance and the Environmental Services Strategic Plan. She noted the agenda has changed since originally published and the originally planned agenda items were pushed to a later meeting at the request of the Public Works Department.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Chris Karnes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Ryan Mello, Chair



Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office