



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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October 14, 2020

4:30 PM

Chair Conor McCarthy, Vice Chair Chris Beale, Lillian Hunter,
Kristina Walker, Catherine Ushka (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0691](#) Approval of the minutes of the August 26, 2020 special meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020, special meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

Briefing Items

2. [20-0682](#) Building/Development Code and Community Engagement Enhancement [Corey Newton, Site and Building Division Manager, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Corey Newton, Site and Building Division Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented an update on the building and development code and community engagement enhancement,

including an overview, noting phase 1 of development code streamlining, enhanced engagement and administration authority, and other miscellaneous code changes; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding a future update after the recommended changes are implemented, and a timeline for that update.

MOTION: Council Member Beale moved to recommend the development code and community engagement code enhancements with an additional directive amendment for Planning and Development Services staff to return to the Committee within nine months of final adoption of the code section to the full City Council for consideration.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.

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

Ayes: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

3. [20-0683](#)

Water Quality and Fish Habitat Preservation

[Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability]

At approximately 4:44 p.m., Chair McCarthy made opening remarks and introduced Jim Parvey, Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS). Mr. Parvey outlined the water quality and fish habitat restoration updates.

Joel Baker, Professor and Port of Tacoma Chair in Environmental Science, and Ed Kolodziej, Associate Professor, University of Washington Tacoma (UWT), presented an update on the interlocal agreement between the City and UWT to start the Salish Sea Modeling Center, the partnership between the City Council and the Center for Urban Waters, and research being done on salmon and water health in Puget Sound.

Russ Ladley, Director of Fisheries, and Char Naylor, Water Quality Manager, Puyallup Tribe, presented an update on work the Puyallup Tribe does in the Puget Sound area with regards to fisheries and salmon, and work done on water quality.

Jason Jordan, Director of Environmental and Planning Services, and Tony Warfield, Senior Manager for Development Services, Port of Tacoma, presented an update on the environmental program for the Port and the Seaport Alliance, including partnerships, current and upcoming habitat restoration efforts, strategies and goals of the Port, and next steps.

Angela Gallardo, Science and Engineering Assistant Division Manager, Environmental Services, presented an update on the City's stormwater management projects, including a grant to design a regional stormwater facility within Metro Parks property, a project with the Puyallup Tribe and other entities for a streamflow enhancement and restoration grant, and a watershed prioritization plan.

Greg Volkhardt, Source Water Treatment Operations Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), presented an update from Tacoma Water, including the watershed services team, the Tacoma Water Habitat Conservation Plan, partnerships, and current projects.

Keith Underwood, Power Section Assistant Manager II, TPU, presented an update from Tacoma Power, including dam assets in local rivers, fish hatcheries, fish habitat programs, in-stream flow programs, salmon reintroduction programs, and future projects.

Discussion ensued regarding an overarching regional plan for habitat mitigation, regional partnerships, City Council support and environmental goals, work done outside the City limits, the City's Environmental Action Plan, the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign, retrofitting stormwater facilities, future planning for projects, the affects of land use planning and transportation on stormwater treatment, work done by the Center for Urban Waters, and future collaboration.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [20-0684](#) October 28, 2020 - Planning Commission interviews;
Planning Commission's Annual Report and Work Program

Chair McCarthy stated that the October 28, 2020, meeting would include interviews for the Planning Commission.

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated that the November 11, 2020, and November 25, 2020, meetings would be cancelled due to holidays, and that both meetings will be rescheduled as special meetings.

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 6:11 p.m.



for

Conor McCarthy, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office