



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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June 09, 2021

4:30 PM

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

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0569](#) Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Discussion: Fossil Fuel Expansion and Renewable Fuels
[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services;
Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney]

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Chair McCarthy provided opening remarks on the Committee review of the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, including a detailed agenda, existing code, proposed recommendations from the Planning Commission, key issues and questions, City Council amendment concepts, and outreach with stakeholders.

Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services, and Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, presented a review of the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations related to fossil fuel facilities, including agenda, definitions, regulatory framework, fossil fuel use standards, and key considerations.

Discussion ensued regarding storage and refining, the definition of renewable products, traditional fuel sources, crediting clean fuel production and use, possible regulations, what the City can and can't regulate, greenhouse gas emissions and related policies, regulations currently under legal review,

regulating business versus regulating through land use, fuel storage and refining infrastructure, and similar regulations other municipalities are considering or implementing.

Mr. Victor concluded with City Council amendment themes.

Discussion continued regarding conditional use permits, environmental review for renewable projects, and regulations the State might implement.

At approximately 5:42 p.m., Chair McCarthy provided opening remarks on the stakeholders' presentations.

Andrew Troske, Refinery Manager, US Oil and Refining Co., presented US Oil and Refining Co., including an overview, refinery process flow and product summary, why fossil fuels are so prominent, and refining in the future.

At 6:02 p.m., Bett Lucas, Marketing Representative, Seaport Sound Terminal, presented Seaport Sound Terminal, LLC, including location and history, facility overview, renewable fuel background, and other comments and questions.

At 6:19 p.m., Kierra Phifer, Local Government Affairs Manager, Puget Sound Energy (PSE), presented on PSE, including goals, past accomplishments, public served, natural gas use and qualities, the Tacoma liquid natural gas facility, current PSE through-put permits, and developing cost-effective solutions to increased demands in the region.

At 6:26 p.m., Bill Adamson, Program Director, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP), presented on Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), including the importance of JBLM to the Puget Sound Region, the SSMCP, primary concerns of JBLM and the SSMCP, and national security issues.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting recessed at 6:35 p.m.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding fossil fuel infrastructure and storage, PSE projects, marine vessel fueling, bio-diesel tanks and sourcing, carve-outs for efficiency projects, conditional use permits, technological advancement and effects on fossil fuel usage, defining renewable fuels, drafting clarifying amendments, establishing a baseline, effects on the military, defining a

standard, national security exemptions, expansion thresholds, and organizing information for the next meeting.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-0570](#) June 23, 2021 - Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Discussion: Fossil Fuel Expansion and Renewable Fuels (Tentative)

Chair McCarthy stated that the next meeting will be on June 23, 2021, and will include the continued review of the Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding input from the business community in the Tideflats and other stakeholders.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Only written comment was accepted for this meeting. The Committee did not receive any written comments for this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Conor McCarthy, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office