



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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June 23, 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 4:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

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Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Discussion: Fossil Fuel Expansion and Renewable Fuels

[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services;
Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office]

At approximately 4:32 p.m., Chair McCarthy provided opening remarks on the presentation, including a recap of the June 9, 2021, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee meeting, background on the presentation, the review process so far, next steps, setting a special meeting for discussion, how the public can submit written comment, and how many written comments the Committee has received so far.

At approximately 4:40 p.m., Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, presented possible amendments and language, including the definition of renewable fuels and how they were developed, limiting fossil fuel expansion and expansion for specific reasons, national security and marine vessels fossil fuel facilities, and fossil fuels which meet the Clean Fuel Standard (CFS).

Discussion ensued regarding defining terms within the amendment, where the public can find amendment language, conditions that might trigger a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review, marine fuel expansion,

working with military partners on the national security fossil fuel facilities, infrastructure repair and replacement, the limited expansion and capacity, and how to determine the limitation thresholds.

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Craig Kenworthy, Executive Director, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, presented on creating a regional CFS, including other jurisdictions on the West Coast, the concept of a CFS, how a CFS works, how companies must decrease their carbon intensity, how companies generate credits, and various exemptions such as aviation and military entities.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the implementation timeline for the CFS, the Washington State legislative process and how it affects the market, the Environmental Protection Agency's standard versus the CFS, incentivizing different fuel types, bringing down carbon emissions, how the standard will shift over time, and land use regulation.

At approximately 5:46 p.m., Anna Doty, Fossil Fuel Campaign Manager, Washington Environmental Council (WEC) presented on the WEC and Washington Conservation Voters (WCV), including the work of the WEC and WCV, principles for local action on fossil fuels, and amendment themes.

At approximately 6:07 p.m., Erin Dilworth, Policy and Technical Program Manager, Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB), presented the CHB's recommendations for the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, including the CHB vision for the tideflats, 2019-2020 BAU (business as usual) emissions projections by sector, CHB's suggestions on the draft recommendations from the Planning Commission, City Council amendment themes, and references.

At approximately 6:23 p.m., Lexi Brewer, Chair, Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC), presented input to IPS on proposed amendments and renewable fuels language, including context setting, noting existing policy and climate goals, and past and future emissions in Tacoma; updated Tacoma emissions inventory; defining the long-term overall goal; STC's position; renewable fuels definition; the amendment themes; and general comments.

The IPS Committee meeting recessed at 6:37

The IPS Committee meeting reconvened at 6:45

Discussion ensued regarding the manufacturing and storage of renewable fuels with a petroleum component, the SEPA process and how it would affect other things like affordable housing, the SEPA process versus Conditional Use Permitting, vehicle emissions mandates and the effects on demand for fuels, future topics coming to the committee, and including the consideration

of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

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July 14, 2021 - Cancelled

July 28, 2021 - Planning Commission Interviews;

Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations: High Impact & Chemical Uses

Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting may be a special meeting on July 6, 2021, and that the July 14, 2021, meeting was cancelled. She further stated there will be a special meeting on July 21, 2021, and will include a continuation of the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, specifically conditional use permits versus standard permitting. She concluded by stating the July 28, 2021, meeting will include the Planning Commission interviews, as well as the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations topic of high impact and chemical uses.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Only written public comment was accepted for this meeting. The Committee received 95 written comments for this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Conor McCarthy, Chair



Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office