



Environmental Services Commission Minutes

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Solid Waste Management, 3510 S Mullen St, 2nd Floor

July 14, 2022

Chair Seaman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Commission Members Present: **Esther Beaumier, Matthew Benedict, Marty Campbell, Emily Hall, Ken Howes, Grant Middleton, Bruce Martin, Jeff Paradise, and Deanna Seaman.

Commission Members Absent: **Richard Doenges, Frankie Johnson, Rachael Laitila, Erich Sachs, and Janette Simon.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Benedict moved to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Public Comment

None.

Budget Proposals for Upcoming Biennium

Christina Curran, ES Rates & Budget, reviewed the schedule for this year's budget development, noting staff anticipates the City Council will adopt the proposed budget in November. She stated Environmental Services' strategy is to maintain existing levels of service, offset proposed enhancements, and target investments in alignment with policy priorities and the strategic plan. She listed proposed reductions: hold position vacancies, recognize anticipated revenues from biogas facility, evaluate contracts, and provide a retirement incentive.

Ms. Curran discussed the Bill Credit Assistance Program (BCAP) PLUS proposal, noting it would be an enhancement to the current BCAP. Other proposals: restructure and enhance equitable environmental education and transcreation, hire an ES Equity Lead, establish a Driver-in-Training program, develop a Stormwater Comprehensive Plan and Flooding Vulnerability Study, support green stormwater infrastructure diversity and at-risk job training program, make EnviroChallenger Waste Prevention Education Program permanent, respond to solid waste growth and operational changes, and support Tidy Up Tacoma permanently.

She reviewed total proposed reductions, adds, their net impact, and ongoing impacts; and then reviewed next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the BCAP PLUS program and the financial forecast.

**Non-voting Commissioner

Quick Report on Audit Findings

Director Mike Slevin stated Moss Adams completed their annual financial statement audits on our utilities, noting there were no findings. The Moss Adams presentation to the Government Performance and Finance Committee on June 21, 2022, can be viewed at <https://cityoftacoma.granicus.com/player/clip/5458>.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.