



City of Tacoma

Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee Minutes

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May 26, 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 4:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Beale, Hunter, McCarthy and Walker

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0527](#) Planning Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:34 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, stated that the Committee will be interviewing four applicants for the Planning Commission and that Veronica Bean and Alexandra Mather withdrew from consideration. She further stated that three positions are currently available including Council Districts Nos. 2, 3, and 5, and that two incumbents are seeing reappointment.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants and open positions, about holding a second round of interviews after getting more applicants, the timeline for appointing new positions, postponing the decision so more than one applicant could be interviewed for each position, readvertising, expanding the pool of candidates, and potential consequences of delaying appointments.

The Committee interviewed Carolyn Edmonds, Brett Santhuff, and Clara Cheeves. Anthony Johnson did not attend. Each interviewee was informed of the decision to potentially delay recommendations to the City Council.

Discussion continued regarding whether to consider appointment for District No. 5, accepting the incumbents for Districts Nos. 2 and 3, the qualifications of candidates, other committee, board, and commission options for Clara Cheeves, how a full slate of appointments is typically presented to the City Council, that Carolyn Edmonds is running for an elected position and that the Committee may have to appoint someone to her unexpired term if she is elected, re-advertising for District No. 5, delaying the vote to the next meeting, whether to have another interview for District No. 3, and a consensus that no recommendations would be made tonight.

2. [21-0528](#) Active Transportation Updates and Bike Boulevards
[Liz Kaster, Senior Planner, Public Works]

At approximately 5:55 p.m., Liz Kaster, Senior Planner, Public Works, gave an informational briefing on the City's Active Transportation program and Bicycle Boulevards, including an overview; project prioritization; project highlights, noting Mildred Street, and East 64th Street; funded projects; a project highlight on transit access; increasing community awareness and use of existing infrastructure; and plans for 2021 and beyond.

Discussion ensued regarding grants, clarification of updating bike boulevards with a focus on Fawcett Avenue, sidewalk criteria and transit connection, street transformation, the current roadmap to move forward on arterial network and bike lane retrofits, lane width and street design, existing infrastructure, improvements to Park Avenue, use of existing bike boulevards, and the Safe Routes to School Program and Safety Committee.

3. [21-0529](#) Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations Review Schedule
[Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

At approximately 6:28 p.m., Chair McCarthy gave an overview on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations review schedule, including an overview; splitting the regulations into topics for the next six meetings; taking into consideration existing regulations, Planning Commission recommendations, key City Council questions and desires, and stakeholder feedback; the first two meeting topics will include a potential fossil fuel expansion discussion, and renewable fuels; the next two meetings will include conditional use permits, high impact use chemical restrictions; the last two meetings will include residential units, government feedback, and finalized proposals; the tentative calendar; available staff support; public hearings records and public comment; the IPS Tideflats webpage; and tentative agendas for each meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the City Attorney's Office having assembled a list of amendment themes, asking City Council members for input, how information and public comment will be collected, a request for past public

comments to be assembled into binders, a suggestion to update the City Council at study sessions, long-form meetings to speed up the process, ways to streamline the process, asking for past proposed regulation amendments, if any amendments are already in the works, and the Committee's Tidelands goals.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-0530](#) June 9, 2021 - Tidelands Non-Interim Regulations Discussion: Fossil Fuel Expansion & Renewable Fuels (Tentative)
June 23, 2021 - Tidelands Non-Interim Regulations Discussion: Fossil Fuel Expansion & Renewable Fuels (Tentative)
July 14, 2021 - Tidelands Non-Interim Regulations Discussion: Conditional Use Permits vs. Standard Permitting (Tentative)

At approximately 6:50 p.m., Claire Goodwin, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 9, 2021, and tonight the Committee added further Planning Commission interviews to that calendar. That meeting will also include a Tidelands Non-Interim Regulations discussion on fossil fuel expansion & renewable fuels. The June 23, 2021, meeting will include the same topics. Ms. Goodwin concluded by stating the July 14, 2021, meeting will include the Tidelands conditional use permitting discussion and that meeting may be cancelled or moved to July 21, 2021, due to quorum issues.

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 6:54 p.m.



Conor McCarthy, Chair



Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office