MINUTES
(Approved on 8-19-2020)

TIME: Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT (virtually): Anna Petersen (Chair), Jeff McInnis (Vice-Chair), Carolyn Edmonds, Ryan Givens, David Horne, Christopher Karnes, Brett Santhuff, Andrew Strobel, Alyssa Torrez

ABSENT: None

A. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CALL

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum was declared.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes for the June 3, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were not accepted at the meeting. No written comments had been submitted previously as directed in the agenda notice.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing – 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program

Chair Petersen called the public hearing to order at 5:04 p.m., she went over the procedures of the hearing and asked Commissioners to introduce themselves.

Nick Anderson, Finance Division, presented an overview of the subject of the public hearing, the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program (CFP). This included an explanation of what the document is as well as next steps of the document’s review and adoption. Stephen Atkinson, Planning Services Division, briefly spoke on the various public notices that went out regarding the public hearing. He also noted that an Environmental Review was conducted in accordance with Washington Administrative Code and City of Tacoma’s SEPA procedures, and the public comment would also be accepted on this review.

Chair Petersen called for testimony, no citizens provided comment. She closed the public hearing at 5:17 p.m.

2. 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Program – Public Hearing Debrief and Recommendation

Chair Petersen then asked the Commission for discussion and any questions for staff. Commissioner Givens asked if there were any written public comments, which there were not, and Vice-Chair McInnis asked for clarification on the total number of projects, stating that there were different numbers referenced in the document, but it appeared that there were 11. Mr. Anderson said that he would double-check that.

Commissioner Santhuff asked for background information about the recommendation in the letter to prioritize other needs of the community and the housing crisis before funding the Heidelberg Stadium.
project. He stated that he was in agreement with that recommendation and supportive of the letter overall, but wanted to know when the Commission had discussed that decision. Chair Petersen explained that the language around the Heidelberg Stadium project came up in a discussion she had with staff regarding preparation of the draft letter.

Vice-Chair McInnis moved that the Commission forward the letter to City Council recommending approval. Commissioner Strobel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

E. TOPICS OF THE UPCOMING MEETING (subject to change)

1) Tideflats Subarea Plan and Interim Regulations

F. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, informed the Commission of the following:
- Transit Oriented Development Advisory Group – Progress Report. The intent is for this group to start meeting again in August.
- The Council Committees have not been meeting due to COVID-19. Most are looking to have one meeting in July, and then they should begin meeting again more regularly in August. Once they get into a regular schedule, the Planning Commission vacancy process will begin again.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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