



MINUTES

(Approved on August 7, 2024)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Anthony Steele (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, Jordan Rash, Brett Santhuff

ABSENT: Sandesh Sadalge

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared. Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Steele moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

D. Public Comments

Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, reported that six written comments were received regarding the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Update

The following individuals addressed the Planning Commission:

1. Kit Burnes
2. Tim Smith
3. Cathie Urwin

Public Comment ended at 5:13 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts and recusals.

F. Discussion Items

1. One Tacoma Plan Update

Atkinson provided introductory remarks regarding the Comprehensive Plan update. Lisa Johnson, Seva Workshop, introduced the consultant team.

Maryam Moeinian, Senior Planner, outlined the regional planning framework, noting the Growth Management Act (GMA); specific GMA requirements; the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan update, and the update schedule.

Atkinson presented the new mandatory GMA scope elements, new VISION 2050 scope elements, focus areas of the Plan scope, scope highlights, and other potential tasks.

Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and the TMP update.

Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner, outlined the community engagement plans, interdepartmental coordination, communications, engagement tools, and the engagement timeline.

Atkinson presented the next steps and scope options.

The Commission discussed scope options, including task prioritization, specific criteria to support recommendations, mandatory versus optional elements, Plan versus Code elements, and engagement efforts, noting maps and visual aids.

The Planning Commission recessed at 6:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

2. South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) Code Update

Atkinson provided introductory remarks and outlined the project approach, the initial work plan, and proposed updates to the scope of work.

Moeinian presented the project overview; including what STGPD is, why it is being updated, and how it relates to the Comprehensive Plan update.

Glen George, Tacoma Water, outlined the Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), including important outcomes of the first IRP in 2018, potential methods to further enhance resource adequacy and reliability, and factors to be addressed in the IRP. Scott Hallenberg, Tacoma Water, presented the Tacoma Water Wellhead Protection Plan, including its purpose and current and future activities.

Dana Deleon, Environmental Services, outlined stormwater (SW) management in Tacoma, including where SW goes, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater permit, the SW Management Program, best management practices for SW, a SW Comprehensive Plan, and the timeline and outcomes of the SW Comprehensive Plan. Shauna Hansen, Environmental Services, presented the Urban Waters Protection Plan, including the Tacoma watershed prioritization tool, SW/watershed focus areas, SW priority action list, and the Urban Protection Plan timeline.

Atkinson outlined the health impact assessment, coordinated schedule, public engagement, and next steps.

The Commission discussed the work plan approach, community expectations, public engagement, coordination with the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, the Green River, and industries with high concentrations of hazardous materials.

H. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) January 3, 2024 – Cancelled

(2) Agenda for the January 17, 2024, meeting includes:

- Home In Tacoma – Phase 2
- One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update – Scope and Budget

I. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Atkinson provided updates on the following:

- Ordinance No. 28924, relating to the Manitou Annexation Area.
- Ordinance No. 28926, relating to street tree standards.
- Resolution No. 41311, relating to Enhanced Services Facilities.
- Appreciation from the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for all the work the Commission has done.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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