MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 9:30 A.M.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT
Sharon Benson
Sharon Hanek
Katheryn Jerkovich
Kimber Starr
James Guerrero
Chuck Sundsmo
Shawn Manley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Clerk: Danica Williams, PPW-PALS

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Copies of all staff reports and related documents under review were made available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion made (Hanek/Jerkovich) to adopt the minutes from August 24, 2021. Motion Passed.

HEARING
2022 Amendments to the Capital Facilities Plan Element of the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.
The Growth Management Act requires that comprehensive plans be subject to continuing review and evaluation with consideration or amendments and revisions no more than once per year. Chapter 19C.10, PCC, Pierce County's annual amendment procedures, directs the Planning Commission to review amendments to the Capital Facilities element of the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan and make recommendations to the County Council each year. The Capital Facilities Plan amendments include changes to the six-year financing Plan for capital facilities.
Contact: Wolfgang Opitz, Deputy Finance Director, Finance Department, 253-798-7580.

DISCUSSION
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

MOTION
Motion made (Jerkovich/Sundsmo) to recommend approval of the 2022 Amendments to the Capital Facilities Plan Element of the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion Passed.

Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan: 2021-2040
Adoption of the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan: 2021-2040. The proposed plan update builds on the success and progress of existing programs and establishes a long-term vision for Pierce County and its materials management system for the next 20 years.
Contact: Ryan Dicks, Sustainable Resources Administrator, 253-798-8603
DISCUSSION

- Discussion on reusing existing resources such as gas being vented off from the landfill and how it can be used better.
- Questions on the recycling products that were being sent overseas and where they are going now. Staff explained plastic is staying in North America and not being shipped and the recycling market is starting to pick up.
- Additional discussion on where recycling goes.
- Discussion on what is going in and minimizing contamination.
- Discussion on plastics and how much are actually getting recycled.
- Question/discussion regarding if there are any facilities that recycle nearly 100% of what is dumped and what the County can do.
- Discussion on underground refuse systems. Staff said this is not a topic that has come up for the County.
- Discussion on closed landfills and the associated regulations.
- Question on feasibility studies.
- Discussion on correlation between the growth of landfills and the reduction possibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION

Motion made (Sundsmo/Manley) to recommend approval of the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan: 2021-2040 as presented. Motion Passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Follow-up from last meeting regarding moving meetings to the hybrid model both via Zoom and in person. At this time a hybrid model has not been established and meetings will remain via Zoom as required by Proclamation 20-28.15.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am