



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6414  
February 6, 2024  
Regular Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6414: 2024 City Council Planning Session Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Review and approve the agenda for the 2024 City Council Planning Session.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jessi Bon, City Manager
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Draft 2024 City Council Planning Session Agenda
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda bill is to approve the agenda for the City Council Planning Session on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Staff have conferred with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and developed a draft agenda for City Council review and approval (Exhibit 1).

The Planning Session packet materials will be published on Friday, February 23, 2024.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year the City Council holds at least one Planning Session to discuss the priorities for the coming year. The City Council has been holding annual Planning Sessions since 1987. Past Planning Session minutes are available on the website here: <https://www.mercerisland.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-planning-sessions>.

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

**Agenda Item #1: Review and Update of City Council Priorities**

Every two years, the City Council reviews and confirms the City Council priorities in preparation for the upcoming biennium. The 2023 – 2024 priorities are:

- Priority 1: Develop data-driven economic development and retail plans and strategies to activate Town Center and other business areas.
- Priority 2: Sustain and enhance our natural environment, especially parks and open spaces, to benefit this generation and others that follow.
- Priority 3: Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.
- Priority 4: Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.

To help streamline the discussion at the Planning Session, City Councilmembers are invited to submit suggestions for revisions and updates to the 2025-2026 priorities to Casey Thompson ([casey.thompson@mercerisland.gov](mailto:casey.thompson@mercerisland.gov)) no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 20. Council suggestions will be compiled and included in the Planning Session packet materials.

#### **Agenda Item #2: 2024 State Legislative Session Update**

The staff will provide an overview of the 2024 State Legislative Session.

#### **Agenda Item # 3: Work Plan Update**

The proposed Planning Session agenda also includes an overview of the 2023-2024 Work Plan and a look ahead at major work items anticipated in 2025-2026. The City Council will discuss and confirm the process and timing to consider and evaluate budget proposals for the next biennium.

#### **Agenda Item #4: City Facilities Discussion**

This presentation and discussion will primarily focus on the replacement strategies for City Hall and the Public Works Building.

#### **Agenda Item #5: Review of the City Council Rules of Procedure**

The proposed Planning Session agenda includes a review and discussion of the City Council Rules of Procedure. To help facilitate the discussion at the Planning Session, City Council members are invited to send suggested amendments to Ali Spietz ([ali.spietz@mercerisland.gov](mailto:ali.spietz@mercerisland.gov)) by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 20. Council suggestions will be compiled and included in the Planning Session packet materials.

#### **Agenda Item #6: 2023 Community Member of the Year**

The City Council will select the 2023 Community Member of the year.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon approval of the Planning Session agenda, staff will prepare the supporting materials and publish the meeting packet by Friday, February 23, 2024.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the 2024 City Council Planning Session agenda as presented.