



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:01 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Salim Nice Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

Note: Councilmember Jacobson experienced technical difficulties and was unable to vote on the Agenda Approval)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 6330: Stationary Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras Briefing

Police Chief Ed Holmes discussed the purpose of the presentation on stationary Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras to learn more about the ALPR cameras system for possible future consideration.

Sergeant Schroeder presented an overview of stationary camera systems, how they could be used in the region to help reduce crime and discussed how the data captured is subject to public records requests.

Kristen MacLeod from Flock Camera System presented information on license plate reading technology.

Council asked questions of staff and Ms. MacLeod.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **City Hall Closure:** Staff will provide an update at the October 3 Council Meeting, continuing upgrades at MICEC for hybrid Council meetings, City Hall has been winterized, long-term planning continues regarding replacement of City Hall.
- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Upcoming City Council hybrid meeting on October 3 and Parks & Recreation Commission on September 27.
- **City Services Updates:** 2024 Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Amendments Docket timeline, 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, I-90 ramp litter clean-up grant, CCTV camera pipe condition inspections on SE 59th Street, Sunset Highway corridor landscaping, irrigation system repairs on the North Mercer Way overpass, In-depth HVAC maintenance and system assessments at Luther Burbank Building and Fire Stations, parking changes at Luther Burbank south lot.

- **Upcoming Events:** Bloodworks Northwest hosting a blood drive at MICEC on September 25 & 26, YFS Fentanyl Awareness Presentation on October 4 at 7:00 pm at MICEC, Arbor Day Event on October 21 at Luther Burbank Park
- **News:** The City hosted 54 volunteer events in the parks with 629 volunteers who completed over 1,400 hours of work, Swim Across America returned to Luther Burbank Park for their Seattle Open Water Swim more than 340 participants and raised over \$500,000 to benefit the Fred Hutch Cancer Center.

APPEARANCES

Jan Molinaro, Mayor of Enumclaw, spoke about the Sound Cities Association.

Gardner Morelli, Mercer Island, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 23C-15 regarding Shoreline Master Program amendments.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6331: September 8, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 8, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,061,724.25 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 216450-216560 | 9/1/2023 | \$624,802.04

B. Check Register | 216561-216608 | 9/8/2023 | \$550,479.44

Recommended Action: Certify that the City Council has reviewed the documentation supporting claims paid and approved all checks or warrants issued in payment of claims.

City Council Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023 Special Hybrid Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Special Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6325: Expressing Support for the King County Re+ Program (Resolution No. 1648)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 1648 expressing the City of Mercer Island's support for King County's Re+ program and authorize the City Manager to sign King County's Re+ Pledge.

AB 6334: Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services with South Correctional Entity (SCORE)

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with SCORE as substantially shown in Exhibit 1 to AB 6334.

AB 6335: MICEC Slater Room Meeting Room Upgrade

Recommended Action: Appropriate \$82,000 from the ARPA Fund to upgrade the MICEC Slater Room Audio-Visual capabilities and purchase other equipment for public meeting use.

AB 6339: WSDOT Local Agency Agreement - Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant for Traffic Signal Safety Improvements

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 1649, authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreements with WSDOT and proceed with design and construction of the Traffic Signals Safety Improvements project.

AB 6342: Revised 2022-2024 AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign the Revised AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2024, substantially as set forth in Exhibit 1 to AB 6342, provided that the same is ratified by the Union.

AB 6344: First Amendment to Agreement with Kirkland for Court Facility Use

Recommended Action:

1. Ratify the Agreement for Temporary, Emergency Use of Court Facility with the City of Kirkland attached as Exhibit 1.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement Temporary, Emergency Use of Court Facility with the City of Kirkland substantially as set forth in Exhibit 2 to AB 6344.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weinber to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6336: Public Hearing on Draft Town Center Parking Study

Mayor Nice opened the Public Hearing at 6:28 pm.

Kian Bradley (Mercer Island) spoke in support of the Town Center Parking Study.

Mayor Nice closed the Public Hearing at 6:31 pm.

CIP Project Manager Sarah Bluvas presented the timeline and next steps for the Town Center Parking Study. Council asked questions regarding the study.

AB 6346: Reconstitute the City Council Finance Ad-Hoc Committee

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz spoke about the purpose of reconstituting the City Council Finance Ad-Hoc Committee to review and evaluate the Cost Allocation Plan and the Classification and Compensation Policy.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

Reconstitute City Council Finance Ad Hoc Committee to review and evaluate the Cost Allocation Plan and Compensation Policy and appoint Mayor Nice, Councilmember Reynolds, and Councilmember Weiker to serve on the Committee.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6337: MIYFS Foundation Funding Acceptance Agreement

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz presented a four-year funding agreement with the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation for increased financial support for the Youth and Family Services Department.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Accept the increased annual donation of \$515,000 from the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation for 2023 through 2026 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Funding Acceptance Agreement memorializing the donation, substantially as set forth in Exhibit 1 to AB 6337.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Anderl to:

Appropriate \$100,000 in 2024 to continue funding the second Mental Health Counselor position at

the Middle School.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

City Council was in recess from 6:51-7:00 pm.

AB 6340: Shoreline Master Program Amendments (Ordinance No. 23C-15 First Reading)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas presented the proposed amendments to the Shoreline Master Program contained within Ordinance No. 23C-15. He discussed the process the amendment has gone through with the Planning Commission and the Department of Ecology.

Planner Molly McGuire discussed the joint review process with the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and spoke about the Determination of Consistency that was received from Ecology in August 2023. She noted that the amendments will go back to Ecology for final approval once the ordinance is approved by Council.

Council asked questions of staff and Planning Commission Chair Michael Murphy.

Planner McGuire presented four additional amendments to the Shoreline Master Program to be included in the second reading of the ordinance.

Council discussed the amendments and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Move to set Ordinance No. 23C-15, including staff recommended amendments as discussed, for second reading and adoption at the October 3, 2023, City Council meeting.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the October 3 and November 7 Council meetings.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Anderl spoke about the Coffee with a Cop event on September 16.

Councilmember Jacobson spoke about the Utility Board meeting and their review of water reliability, utility rates for water and sewer, and potential increases for solid waste.

Councilmember Reynolds noted that there is a K4C elected officials work session on October 12. He also offered congratulations to the MIHS National Merit Scholars.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 8:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk