



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6726
July 1, 2025
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6726: Condemnation of Property at 9655 SE 36th Street (First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 25-20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 25-20 at first reading, pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure 6.3(C)(3), condemning the property at 9655 SE 36TH Street.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager Bio Park, City Attorney
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 25-20
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ 9,060,000
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 0
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 9,060,000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda is to adopt Ordinance No. 25-20 (Exhibit 1) condemning the property at 9655 SE 36TH Street ("9655 Building") pursuant to the Agreement for Acquisition of Real Property by Eminent Domain that the Council approved at its June 17, 2025 Meeting (see [AB 6714](#)).

- Ordinance No. 25-20 is the condemnation ordinance for the 9655 Building, following the City Council approved its acquisition by eminent domain by the City.
- Ordinance No. 25-20 declares that the City needs to condemn and take the 9655 Building for use as office space for the City.
- It also declares that the City needs to condemn and take an easement over the remainder of the parcel for ingress and egress.
- Attorneys for the City are authorized to file and initiate a petition for condemnation to effectuate the City's exercise of eminent domain to acquire the 9655 Building by condemnation.

BACKGROUND

The City Council approved the Agreement for Acquisition of Real Property by Eminent Domain (“Agreement”) at its June 17, 2025 Meeting (see [AB 6714](#)). The Agreement is for the acquisition of the 9655 Building by condemnation. The agreed purchase price is \$9,060,000. The acquisition process is described in the Agreement, and it includes adoption of a condemnation ordinance for the 9655 Building and easement for ingress and egress.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Ordinance No. 25-20 is the condemnation ordinance for the 9655 Building. It includes the required declaration by the City Council that the condemnation and taking of the 9655 Building and access easement are needed, and they are for the public purpose of using the building as City office space and for ingress and egress, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

After Ordinance No. 25-20 is approved and becomes effective, attorneys for the City are authorized to effectuate the ordinance by commencing and prosecuting proceedings prescribed by law that are necessary to condemn, acquire, take and appropriate the 9655 Building.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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