



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 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 Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 7-0

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

STUDY SESSION

AB 6370: Preview of the Declaration of Intent for Seeking Reimbursement for Water Infrastructure Improvements

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented information about seeking the City Council's approval to declare via resolution the City's intention to reimburse itself for costs incurred on qualifying water capital projects prior to the date tax-exempt bonds are issued. He spoke about the water utility funding, the scheduled capital investments, the financing strategy for these projects, and the declaration of intent to seek reimbursement for water infrastructure improvements.

City Council asked questions to staff.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Accessing City Services:** Reminder on how to access City Services through the Customer Service Team.
- **Update on City Hall Closure:** Slater Room renovation continues. Finalized lease and interlocal agreement for the use of court space with the City of Newcastle. Staff continue to work on removing personal property and office equipment from City Hall.
- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Upcoming City Council meeting on November 21. Upcoming board and commission meetings: Planning Commission on November 15.
- **City Services Updates:** Bike Skills Area construction enters the final week with an anticipated opening on November 15, Public Works crews doing a tremendous amount of storm cleanup from the weekend storm, Water System Improvements in the East Seattle neighborhood is ongoing.
- **Upcoming Events:** Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce is kicking off Small Business season, November 1-December 31 with "Thankful for Local" bingo.
- **News:** YFS and MIPD partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to host a Drug Take Back Event which collected 79 pounds of unused and unwanted medications. Thank you to the 50 community volunteers who came out to celebrate Arbor Day at the tree planting and restoration event

at Luther Burbank South Shoreline on October 21. Thank you to the community and staff teams for a wonderful Hallo-Weekend.

APPEARANCES

Brian Candelori, King County Library System, spoke about upcoming events at the Mercer Island Library.

Alissa Campbell, Recology, spoke about local engagement and outreach that Recology has done throughout the community throughout 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6366: October 20, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the October 20, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,032,523.93 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 217465-217556 | 10/13/2023 | \$385,272.31

B. Check Register | 217557-217624 | 10/20/2023 | \$408,871.44

C. Check Register | 217626-217693 | 10/27/2023 | \$362,847.58

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 October 17, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes of the October 17, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6358: Shop Small Month, Proclamation No. 319

Recommended Action: Proclaim November 2023 Shop Small Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6362: Interlocal Agreement and Lease with City of Newcastle for Municipal Court Operation

Recommended Action:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement with the City of Newcastle for use of the Council Chamber for Mercer Island Municipal Court proceedings, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the three-year lease with the City of Newcastle for Suite 301 in the Newcastle Professional Center located at 12835 Newcastle Way, Newcastle, Washington for Mercer Island Municipal Court administrative offices, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 2.
3. Appropriate \$163,000 from ARPA funds for the lease costs through December 2024 and tenant and technology improvements.

AB 6367: Second Reading and Adoption of Stormwater Management Program Amendments (Ord. No. 23C-14)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-14 amending stormwater management standards.

AB 6368: ARCH 2024 Work Program and Budget Approval

Recommended Action: Approve the ARCH 2024 Work Plan and Administrative Budget, including Mercer Island's contribution of \$76,611.

AB 6371: Approve 2024 Legislative Priorities

Recommended Action: Adopt the City of Mercer Island 2024 State Legislative Priorities, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to AB 6371.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Rosenbaum 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 6363: An Ordinance Amending MICC Ch. 9.50 (First Reading Ord. No. 23C-16)

Outside legal counsel Eileen Keiffer from Madrona Law presented the proposed amendments to Mercer Island City Code (MICC) Chapter 9.50. She spoke about the background on the proposed amendments and discussed the purpose of the proposed amendments to allow the City Prosecutor to charge certain crimes, to be heard by Mercer Island Municipal Court.

City Council asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Weiker to:

Set Ordinance No. 23C-16 for second reading and adoption at the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6365: Code Amendments Relating to City Fire Department (Ordinance. No. 23C-17, First Reading)

Outside legal counsel Eileen Keiffer from Madrona Law presented the proposed amendments to Mercer Island City Code (MICC) related to a City operated Fire Department.

City Council discussed and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Set Ordinance No. 23C-17 for second reading and adoption at the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6354: King County Solid Waste Rate Restructure

Chief of Administration Jason Kintner introduced the solid waste rate restructure. Consultant Jeannette Jurgensen from Bin There Consulting presented background of the rate restructure, discussed how collection contract with haulers are billed, spoke about how the rates were calculated, and discussed the 2023-2024 rates.

City Council asked questions of staff and the consultant.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weinberg to:

Authorize the City Manager to sign Contract Amendment #1 to the 2019-2029 Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Compostables Collection Services Contract between the City of Mercer Island and Recology King County, Inc., substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 2 to AB 6354.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the November 21 and December 5 City Council meetings.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted that there is a SCA PIC meeting on November 8.
Councilmember Weiker noted two upcoming opportunities for public officials, the SCA Annual meeting on December 6, and the Seattle Chamber is hosting an Elected Officials Reception on December 7.
Councilmember Weinberg spoke about the Arts Council meeting on October 25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:03 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 6:39 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk