



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MARCH 19, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:02 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in Room 104 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and 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 Jake Jacobson Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Room 104. Councilmember Lisa Anderl joined via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 5:56 pm.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 6:01 pm in the Slater Room Council Chambers at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Salim Nice (departed 7:20 pm), Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in the Slater Room Council Chambers. Councilmember Lisa Anderl (arrived 6:02 pm) joined via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weiker to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Next City Council Meeting – April 2 at 5:00 PM, City Council/MISD Joint Meeting – March 21 at 5:00PM, Planning Commission Special Meeting – March 20 at 6:00 PM, Parks & Recreation Commission with Open Space Conservancy Trust Board – March 21 at 5:00 PM, and Planning Commission – March 27 at 6:00 PM
- **Update on City Hall Transitions:** work began on connecting the two modular buildings to utilities, electrical and data connections will begin next week, a third building will be delivered later this spring. Emergency management supplies were moved from the storage under City Hall to a storage container at the Community Center.
- **City Services Updates:** Luther Burbank Boiler Building project update, New Wayfinding Resources, Island Crest Park North Infield Turf Replacement project completion
- **Upcoming Events:** Spring Recycling Event – March 30, 9am-3pm at Islander Middle School parking lot, Comprehensive Plan Update Open House – May 1, 6pm-8pm at Mercer Island Community & Event Center.
- **News:** Booster Chlorination Project Completion

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith, spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Paul Quinn, Sammamish, spoke about recommended actions to improve city diversion rates for garbage.

Jay Greer, Mercer Island, thanked the City for the new bike skills area at Deane's Childrens' Park and voiced support for the Island Crest Way Corridor Improvements Project.

Jonathan Harrington, Mercer Island, thanked the Council for its work on the Climate Action Plan. He also spoke about the Sustainability Work Plan and the new greenhouse gas dashboard.

Carolyn Boatsman, Mercer Island, spoke about the Sustainability Work Plan, suggesting that it should be renamed the Climate Action Work Plan.

Trevor Reed, Mercer Island, commented on the consultant report for the Island Crest Way Corridor Improvements Project, including the proposed lane width being too wide.

Jim Stanton, Mercer Island, spoke about the Neighbors in Motion group and the Island Crest Way Corridor Improvements Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6429: March 8, 2024 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the March 8, 2024 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$868,041.15 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 218911-218989 | 3/1/24 | \$415,851.34

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 Special Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2024 and City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Special Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2024 and the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024.

AB 6430: Reservoir Booster Pump Station Upgrades Bid Award

Recommended Action:

1. Award the Reservoir Booster Pump Station Upgrades project to Strider Construction Co., a Washington-based company, in the amount of \$1,726,011, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Strider Construction Co. for the construction of the Reservoir Booster Pump Station Upgrades project, and set the project's total budget at \$2,155,000.
2. Authorize a \$1,075,000 appropriation from the Water Fund balance for the additional project costs over the existing 2023-2024 budget of \$1,080,000.

AB 6407: ARCH Housing Trust Fund Project Approvals

Recommended Action: Approve the use of \$48,600 from the City's contributions to the ARCH Housing Trust Fund as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board and authorize execution of any related agreements and documents.

AB 6436: Interlocal Agreement with Eastside Fire & Rescue for Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Services

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement with Eastside Fire & Rescue to provide Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Services on Mercer Island.

Councilmember Jacobson requested that AB 6431: Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Nice moved it to the first item of Regular Business.

It was moved by Reynolds; 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 6431: Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation

Councilmember Jacobson spoke about acknowledging and remembering those that served in the Vietnam War, including those who reside on Mercer Island.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve Proclamation No. 323 Proclaiming March 29, 2024 Vietnam Veterans Day in Mercer Island.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6435: 2025-2026 City Council Priorities

City Manager Jessi Bon introduce the 2025-2026 City Council priorities including the preamble from the 2023-2024 priorities.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt the 2025-2026 City Council Priorities.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6432: City Council Rules of Procedure Amendments (Resolution No. 1658)

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz presented the proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve Resolution No. 1658 amending the City Council Rules of Procedure as set forth in Exhibit A.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6434: Sustainability Work Plan Update

Public Works Deputy Director Alaine Sommargren introduced Sustainability Program Analyst Alanna DeRogatis who presented an overview of the Sustainability Work Plan. She spoke about the Climate Action Plan, the progress of implementing 2023-2024 action items and the priority work plan items for 205-2026.

AB 6433: 2024 City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments

Mayor Nice spoke about the 2024 City Council liaison assignments beginning April 1, 2024.

City Manager Jessi Bon discussed the transition of the City Council Sustainability Committee to an Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee to support future policy related work items as needed.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weiker to:

Transition the City Council Sustainability Committee to an Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee to provide support for future policy related work items as needed.

PASSED: 6-1

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

AGAINST: 1 (Weinberg)

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Amend the previous motion to: Allow members of the committee and staff to call a meeting.

MOTION TO AMEND FAILED: 2-5

FOR: 2 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, and Weiker)

AGAINST: 2 (Reynolds and Weinberg)

Mayor Nice read a statement to recuse himself from the presentation, discussion, and debate regarding AB 6434 as he has a conflict of interest due to property he owns in the location of the project. He left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

AB 6421: Island Crest Way Corridor Improvement Project

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner and City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director Patrick Yamashita introduced the Island Crest Way Corridor Improvements Project and consultant Bryce Corrigan from PSOMAS. Mr. Corrigan presented the draft shared use path alternatives for the Island Crest Way Corridor including separated bike lanes, east side shared use path, and west side shared use path.

City Council asked questions of staff and discussed the alternatives, funding challenges, and seeking feedback from the community. Staff will return at a future meeting with additional information based on City Council feedback.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the Joint Meeting with the Mercer Island School Board on March 21 and the 2023 year-end and first quarter 2024 financial reports at meeting this spring.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Reynolds spoke about the Parks & Recreation Commission's work on the Parks Zone. Councilmember Jacobson spoke about the stormwater work plan presented at the Utility Board meeting and the priorities discussed at the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk