

AB 6441: City Council Planning Session Follow Up Regarding Land Use Work Plan

City Council Regular Meeting April 2, 2024



City Council Planning Session CPD Related Motions March 1, 2024

- **1. Interim Regulations Temporary Uses and Structures Approved Motion:** Direct the City Manager to prepare interim regulations regarding docket item 23-15 - temporary use or structure permits, as soon as reasonably possible.
- 2. Planning Commission Reconstitution Approved Motion:

Direct the City Manager to bring a proposal to City Council at its regular meeting on April 2, aiming to reconstitute the Planning Commission. The new composition shall include four (4) land use professionals not affiliated with Mercer Island entities or interests, to be compensated for their dedicated time, and three (3) laypersons who are Mercer Island residents. The proposal must specify the effective date, detail the range of the number of meetings that will occur annually, outline the annual cost, and describe any necessary amendments to the Mercer Island Municipal Code (MICC).

Interim Regulations – Temporary Uses and Structures

- Seeking direction to present proposed interim regulations to City Council on June 4, 2024 for public hearing and consideration.
- > Interim regulations would be in effect for a period of up to 12 months.
- A total of three outstanding CPD work items docket items 23-10 "temporary use regulations" and 23-15 "temporary use or structure permits" as well as interim regulations for outdoor dining will be consolidated into a single set of interim regulations.

Planning Commission Reconstitution

- Seeking direction on details to continue with efforts to reconstitute the Planning Commission.
- Select from the menu of options for items which will be incorporated into amendments to MICC Chapter 3.46 for presentation to City Council on May 7, 2024 for consideration.
- Exhibit 1 illustrates the nature of the amendments to MICC Chapter 3.46 necessary to complete this effort.
- MRSC has informed the City it is aware of 3 other WA cities that compensate Planning Commission members – Bonney Lake, Duvall and Monroe.



Planning Commission Reconstitution – Item #'s 1–2

1. Effective Date Options:

A. July 15, 2024B. September 15, 2024C. January 1, 2025

2. Member Composition Options:

- A. 4/3 Paid Practitioner Non-Resident / Lay Person Resident
- B. 3/4 Paid Practitioner Non-Resident / Lay Person Resident
- C. 3/3/1 Paid Practitioner Non-Resident / Lay Person Resident / Paid Practitioner – Resident

Planning Commission Reconstitution – Item #'s 3–5

Definitions:

3. Paid Practitioner – Non-Resident

- > Not affiliated with Mercer Island entities or interests.
- > 5 years professional experience in land use planning and in WA.
- Compensated.

4. Lay Person – Resident

- General interest in land use planning etc.
- Residency required.
- Not Compensated.

5. Paid Practitioner – Resident

- > 5 years professional experience in land use planning and in WA.
- Residency required.
- Compensated.

Planning Commission Reconstitution – Item #'s 6–8

6. Annual Meeting Frequency Options:

A. 21 (11 Regular + Up To 10 Special)B. 16 (11 Regular + Up To 5 Special)C. 11 (11 Regular)

7. Paid Practitioner Compensation Options:

- A. Flat Rate Per Year
- B. Flat Rate Per Meeting Completed
- C. Base Rate For Regular Meetings + Flat Rate Per Special Meeting Completed

8. Paid Practitioner Annual Compensation Maximum Amount Options:

A. Not to Exceed \$12,000 (\$750 per meeting)

- B. Not to Exceed \$8,000 (\$500 per meeting)
- C. Not to Exceed \$4,000 (\$250 per meeting)

Planning Commission Reconstitution – Item #'s 9–11

9. Paid Practitioner Poor Performance – Termination Authority:

- A. Either the City Council OR City Manager.
- B. City Council only.
- C. City Manager only.

10. Ethics Code Applicability:

- A. Apply to all Planning Commission members.
- B. Apply only to Lay Person Resident Members.

11. Planning Commission Seats – Short / Long Term Options:

- A. Maintain 7 seats by filling 2 seats expiring May 31, 2024.
- B. Maintain 7 seats by leaving 2 seats temporarily vacant expiring May 31, 2024.
- C. Permanently reduce the Planning Commission to 5 seats on June 1, 2024.

