



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6328  
September 5, 2023  
Regular Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6328: Change of City Council Meeting Location (Ord. No. 23C-13)	<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
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-13 amending MICC 2.06.020 to establish the regular meeting place of the City Council as the Mercer Island Community and Event Center, or at such other place as the City Council may designate and direct at a previous meeting.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Administrative Services
<b>STAFF:</b>	Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Ordinance No. 23C-13
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda bill is to change the official meeting location for City Council meetings to the Mercer Island Community and Event Center (MICEC).

- On April 17, 2023, City Hall was closed until further notice after disturbed tiles and materials were discovered that were confirmed to contain asbestos.
- City Hall remains closed, and the building will most likely not reopen.
- Whenever a City Council meeting location is changed, a Special Meeting must be called and noticed.
- Since April, all City Council meetings have been noticed as Special Meetings to change the physical location of City Council meetings from City Hall to the MICEC.
- Special Meetings add another layer of requirements pursuant to [RWC 42.30.080](#). These steps are required for every special meeting.

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

The regular meeting place of the City Council is City Hall (per [MICC 2.06.020](#)). Since the closure of City Hall in April, City Council meetings have been held in a hybrid format with both in person participation at the MICEC

and remote participation via Zoom. Each meeting has been noticed as a Special Meeting. The MICEC will continue to be the location of City Council meetings for the foreseeable future.

Ordinance No. 23C-13 (Exhibit 1) amends MICC 2.06.020 to establish the regular meeting place of the City Council as the Mercer Island Community and Event Center, 8236 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Mercer Island, Washington to alleviate the additional steps necessary for Special Meetings. The amendments also allow the City Council to designate and direct a different location at a previous meeting without having to notice it as a Special Meeting.

In addition, Ordinance No. 23C-13 can be considered a housekeeping ordinance, and the City Manager recommends that it be adopted by the City Council at first reading pursuant to Section 6.3(C) of the City Council Rules of Procedure.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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