



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

**AB 5658
February 18, 2020
Consent Calendar**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5658: Resolution Appointing City Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Resolution No. 1580 appointing Jessi Bon as City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the City Manager Employment Agreement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Council	
STAFF:	Mayor Benson Wong / Bio Park, Interim City Attorney	
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Benson Wong	Salim Nice
EXHIBITS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution appointing Jessi Bon as City Manager and Exhibit A (City Manager Employment Agreement with Jessi Bon) Articulate, confirm, and communicate a vision for effective and efficient city services. Stabilize the organization, optimize resources, and develop a long-term plan for fiscal sustainability. 	
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

Jessi Bon (“Ms. Bon”) has been serving as the City’s Interim City Manager since June 7, 2019, when then City Manager Julie Underwood resigned. Since being appointed Interim City Manager, Ms. Bon has demonstrated the professional qualifications sought by the City Council for a “permanent” City Manager. During a time of transition at the City, she has provided outstanding leadership as shown by her careful decision-making and willingness to take difficult actions for the City’s best interest. Furthermore, Ms. Bon has more than twenty years of experience in municipal government, fifteen of which were served at various senior management/executive levels.

Prior to joining the City as the Parks & Recreation Director in August 2018, Ms. Bon served as the City of Sammamish’s Deputy City Manager since May 2016, and as its Parks & Recreation Director from December 2006 through April 2016. Ms. Bon, who lives on Mercer Island with her family, earned her bachelor’s degree from Western Washington University and her master’s degree in Public Administration from Seattle University.

After reviewing several current city manager contracts from other comparable King County cities, the attached City Manager Employment Agreement was prepared at the direction of the City Council. Ms. Bon has reviewed the agreement and agreed to all terms and conditions of employment to serve as Mercer Island City Manager.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 1580 appointing Jessi Bon as City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the City Manager Employment Agreement thereto attached.