



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6702
June 3, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6702: 2025 Open Space Conservancy Trust Appointments (Resolution No. 1678)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Resolution No. 1678, appointing members to the Open Space Conservancy Trust.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. 2025-2026 Open Space Conservancy Trust Vacancies 2. List of Applicants 3. Resolution No. 1677
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Open Space Conservancy Trust.

BACKGROUND

Each spring, the City conducts the annual recruitment process to fill positions expiring and/or vacant on the City's advisory boards and commissions. At the May 20, 2025 City Council meeting, applicants were appointed to the Arts Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Utility Board ([AB 6686](#)). Appointments to the Open Space Conservancy Trust (OSCT) were postponed to ensure the appointment process aligns with the ordinance establishing the OSCT.

The board and commission appointment process as detailed in Section 8.12 of the City Council Rules of Procedure provides that all appointments are made by a vote of the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting. However, [Ordinance No. B-93](#), which establishes the OSCT and [Ordinance No. 96-002](#), which amends the OSCT, state, "Each of the Trustees shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by a majority of the City Council."

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Position vacancies (see Exhibit 1) were advertised across several platforms, including a website news release, City Manager Reports, the MI Weekly newsletter, social media, and City Council and boards and commission meetings. Emails were also sent to board and commission members with expiring terms, encouraging them to reapply if interested. Additionally, all members were urged to reach out to community members who might be willing to volunteer for a position.

In response to outreach efforts, six applications for the OSCT (see Exhibit 2) were received by the May 9, 2025 deadline.

The application materials were forwarded to the City Council for review on May 13, 2025.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Mayor shall appoint members to the OSCT and the appointments will be confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council.

The names of the applicants the Mayor recommends appointing to the open seats on the Open Space Conservancy Trust have been added to a resolution (see Exhibit 3) and the City Council will vote to approve the resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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