



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MARCH 17, 2026

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Slater Room Council Chambers at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker and Councilmembers Julie Hsieh, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Mayor Dave Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Wendy Weiker attended via Zoom.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Becker lead the City Council in delivering the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
  - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 5:00 pm
  - Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 pm
  - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
  - Pump Station Generator Replacement – The new generator and automatic transfer switch at Pump Station 25 was put to use after a power outage occurred due to high winds. The new generator started automatically and powered the station, ensuring a continuous sewer service for more than 500 customers served by Pump Station 25.
  - Lakeline Reach 1 Improvements – From March 23 through May 1, City staff and consultants will conduct field investigations between the 4200 and 5400 blocks of East Mercer Way along the Sewer Lakeline Reach 1.
  - Transportation Feedback Needed – The public comment period for the annual update of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is open through April 21, 2026.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Sprig Recycling Event – March 29, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Boat Launch
  - Celebrate the 2 Line – March 28, 10:00 am – 2:00 on the top deck of the Park and Ride
- **News:**
  - Legislative Good News – Senator Wellman was able to secure an increase in funding for the MICEC HVAC project in the final combined House/Senate Capital Budget.

## APPEARANCES

Fan Tuan (Mercer Island) spoke about the Modified Station Subarea Boundary.

Brian Sloan (Mercer Island) spoke about the Modified Station Subarea Boundary.

Kian Bradley (Mercer Island) spoke about affordable housing goals and Growth Management Act compliance.

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Adam Ragheb (Mercer Island) spoke about the Modified Station Subarea Boundary.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### AB 6882: March 10, 2026 Payroll Certification

**Recommended Action:** Approve the March 10, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$928,677.45 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council

### City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026

**Recommended Action:** Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026.

### AB 6884: Vietnam Veteran's Day, Proclamation No. 378

**Recommended Actions:** Approve Proclamation No. 378 Proclaiming March 29, 2026 as Vietnam Veteran's Day on Mercer Island.

### AB 6895: Mercer Island Preschool Association Circus Day, Proclamation No. 379

**Recommended Action:** Approve Proclamation No. 379 Proclaiming April 25, 2026 as Mercer Island Preschool Association Circus Day.

### AB 6885: 76th Avenue SE Mid-Block Crossing and ADA Improvements Bid Award

**Recommended Action:** Award the 76th Avenue SE Mid-Block Crossing and ADA Improvements project to Calli Denney Construction LLC, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Calli Denney Construction LLC in an amount not to exceed \$469,900, and set the total project budget at \$844,126.

### AB 6886: Interim Regulations in MICC 19.16.010 Related to Emergency Shelters and Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing (Ordinance No. 26-02 Second Reading)

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Ordinance No. 26-02 establishing interim development regulations in MICC 19.16.010 related to Emergency Shelters and Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing, with an effective date of April 2, 2026.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Becker to:

**Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommendations contained therein.**

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

City Clerk Andrea Larson noted that the last two speakers who had registered to speak had arrived.

City Council discussed revising the agenda to return to Appearances before proceeding with the agenda.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

**Amend the agenda to return to Appearances.**

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

## APPEARANCES

Merkys Gomez (Mercer Island) spoke about concerns related to the Herzl-Ner Tamid development.

Isa Bundesmann (Mercer Island) spoke about concerns related to the Herzl-Ner Tamid development.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **AB 6887: Arts Council, Open Space Conservancy Trust, and Utility Board Vacancy Appointments (Resolution Nos. 1690 and 1691)**

Mayor Rosenbaum explained the process for the appointments to the Arts Council and Utility Board noting that applicants that receive the most votes, provided they receive a minimum of four votes, would be appointed to the vacant positions on the board or commission. The names of the applicants would then be added to Resolution No. 1690 with final approval by a vote of the City Council.

Mayor Rosenbaum noted the City Council would vote to approve his recommendation to the Open Space Conservancy Trust after the Arts Council and Utility Board appointments.

**Arts Council** – One open position; four applications received.

**Position 7 - Term 2029** - City Clerk Larson distributed ballots to each Councilmember with a list of the following applicants: Smriti Agarwal, Linda Gamroth, Brook Roselle, and Liliia Zakharenko.

The ballots for Round 1 were tallied, and no applicants received four votes.

**Position 7 Round 1 Ballot Results:**

Anderl – Agarwal  
Becker – Agarwal  
Hsieh – Roselle  
Reyolds – Zakharenko  
Rosenbaum – Roselle  
Weiker – Agarwal  
Weinberg – Roselle

The ballots for Round 2 were tallied, and Smriti Agarwal received four votes to be appointed to the Arts Council, Position 7, expiring May 31, 2029.

**Position 7 Round 2 Ballot Results:**

Anderl – Agarwal  
Becker – Agarwal  
Hsieh – Roselle  
Reyolds – Agarwal  
Rosenbaum – Roselle  
Weiker – Agarwal  
Weinberg – Roselle

**Utility Board** – One open position; two applications received.

**Position 2 – Term 2028** - City Clerk Larson distributed ballots to each Councilmember with a list of the following applicants Joy Liechty and Brooke Roselle

The ballots were tallied, and Joy Liechty received seven votes to be appointed to the Utility Board, Position 2, expiring May 31, 2028.

**Position 2 Ballot Results:**

Anderl – Liechty  
Becker – Liechty  
Hsieh – Liechty  
Reyolds – Liechty  
Rosenbaum – Liechty  
Weiker – Liechty  
Weinberg – Liechty

City Clerk Larson read the appointments section of Resolution No. 1690.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

**Approve Resolution No. 1690, appointing those voted on to fill the vacancies on the Arts Council and Utility Board.**

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

Mayor Rosenbaum explained the process for appointment to the Open Space Conservancy Trust and his recommendation of Andrew Rosenthal.

City Clerk Larson read the appointments section of Resolution No. 1691.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Becker to:

**Approve Resolution No. 1691, appointing a member to the vacancy on the Open Space Conservancy Trust.**

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

### **AB 6888: Final Approval of the Modified Station Subarea Boundary**

CPD Director Jeff Thomas provided an overview of the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) Order that identified four issues that the City must address in order to comply with the order. He spoke about the amendments that are needed to the station subarea plan for compliance and the guidance the City Council provided in January and February 2026. Director Thomas discussed the public engagement that was conducted and the feedback that was received during the public engagement period in February and March, and the recommendation to approve the modified station subarea boundary for the purpose of compliance with the GMHB Order.

Council asked questions of staff and discussed the modified station subarea boundary.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

**Approve the Modified Station Area Boundary as shown in Exhibit 1 for the purposes of GMA compliance.**

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

Councilmember Weiker left the meeting from 6:29 pm – 6:35 pm.

### **AB 6894: Update on the Growth Management Hearings Board Order – GMA Compliance Work Plan**

CPD Director Jeff Thomas spoke about the GMA Compliance Work Plan, the amendments that are anticipated to the Comprehensive Plan, the Station Subarea Plan, and Title 19 of the Mercer Island City Code, and the sequence of tasks to complete the amendments by the compliance deadline set by the Growth Management Hearings Board Order of July 31, 2026.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Reynolds to:

**Approve the GMA Compliance Work Plan as presented in Exhibit 1 and direct staff to proceed with the next steps towards attaining GMA compliance.**

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the April City Council meetings.

### **Councilmember Absences and Reports**

Councilmember Weiker noted she attended the SCA Public Issues Committee meeting last week.  
Councilmember Weinberg noted the state legislative session ended last week and provided an overview of some legislative bills, and that his next monthly open lunch is at Valhalla Sandwiches on April 18.  
Councilmember Reynolds noted he attended a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and looks forward to the Deane's Children's Park Site Plan coming before the City Council.  
Councilmember Hsieh noted she attended the SCA Networking event at MICEC, the Senior Resource fair, and Coffee with a Cop. She also noted she attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting, and that her next community meeting is on March 22 at The Rock.  
Mayor Rosenbaum noted he met with several Boy Scout troops to discuss local government.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Attest:

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Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk