



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - REVISED

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:01 pm from the Slater Room Council Chambers at Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in the Slater Room Council Chambers. Councilmember Jake Jacobson joined via Zoom.

Councilmember Wendy Weiker was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci (District 6) provided an update on the King County Council's work plan. She spoke about the positions she holds on regional and King County Council committees, discussed the budget issues that King County is facing, provided an update on the partial opening of the Sound Transit Light Rail Expansion and Eastside Starter Line. Councilmember Balducci spoke about affordable housing and homelessness, public safety on gun violence prevention, and crisis care centers levy implementation.

City Council asked questions and thanked King County Councilmember Balducci for her presentation.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Next City Council meeting is February 20, and the City Council Planning Session on Friday, March 1 at 9 am. Upcoming Board and Commission Meetings: Joint Parks & Recreation Commission and Planning Commission on February 8, and Utility Board on February 13.
- **Update on City Hall Transitions:** Anticipating delivery of the Police modular units at the end of the month. Work continues sorting materials and records at City Hall. Slater Room Council Chambers adjustments continue.
- **City Services Updates:** Update on the Parks Zone draft. Island Crest Park Athletic fields work is progressing on the north infield turf replacement. North and south reservoir improvement project is underway, work will continue throughout the year. A new crosswalk is being installed in the 4800 block of West Mercer Way. King County Sewer line upgrade work will close the boat launch for

several days throughout February. Roanoke Park Playground replacement is collecting responses through February 9. I-90 lane closure due to failing expansion joint.

- **Legislative Session Updates:** Last Monday City Council Leadership and City Manager Bon visited Olympia. Throughout the session Mayor Nice, supported by staff and the City's lobbyists, has been regularly testifying at committee meetings and engaging with legislators on issues of importance to the City.
- **Upcoming Events:** Celebrate the Lunar New Year and Paint a lantern at MICEC on February 11. Pioneer Park Restoration Event on February 10.
- **News:** Congratulations Andrea Larson on receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. MIYFS Foundation helped with increased Food Pantry needs in 2023.
- **In Memoriam:** Long time Thrift Shop Volunteer Bob Wiley passed away in early January.

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith, spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Kristen Orndorff, Mercer Island, spoke about the Mercer Island County Club tennis bubble code amendment.

Dan Nordale, Mercer Island, spoke about the Mercer Island Country Club tennis bubble code amendment.

Alex Tsimmerman, spoke about antisemitism.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6399: January 12, 2024 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the January 12, 2024 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,002,444.60 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6400: January 26, 2024 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the January 26, 2024 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$893,520.06 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 218370-218460 | 1/12/24 | \$2,784,650.18

B. Check Register | 218461-218525 | 1/19/24 | \$1,718,919.14

C. Check Register | 218526-218598 | 1/26/24 | \$797,136.29

Recommended Action: Certify that the City Council has reviewed the documentation supporting claims paid and approved all checks or warrants issued in payment of claims.

City Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024 Regular Hybrid Meeting and of the January 26, 2024 Special Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Hybrid Meeting and of the January 26, 2024 Special Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6397: Washington State Historical Society Grant Agreement for Luther Burbank Boiler Building Phase 1

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1, and to execute future amendments to the agreement that are de minimis or non-substantive.

AB 6401: Sunset Hwy and 77th Ave SE Intersection Improvements Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed Sunset Hwy and 77th Ave SE Intersection Improvements project and authorize staff to close out the contract.

AB 6406: Acceptance and Appropriation of the Department of Commerce Middle Housing Grant for HB 1110 Compliance

Recommended Action: Accept the Middle Housing Grant of \$75,000 from the Department of Commerce and appropriate these funds for HB 1110 compliance in the 2023-2024 biennial budget.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: ~~67~~-0

FOR: ~~67~~ (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, ~~Weiker~~, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6410: Customer Service Team Briefing

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz and Customer Service Supervisor Angie Moreau provided an overview of the Customer Service Team (CST). Customer Service Supervisor Moreau discussed how CST was created and what they do. She spoke about phone and email management for the various departments, the efficiencies that have been created with a centralized customer service team, and discussed the administrative support that CST is able to provide to departments. Customer Service Supervisor Moreau presented the top call volumes by department, spoke of the many ways that CST can help callers, and how to contact the City.

City Council thanked the Customer Service Team for the work they do.

AB 6414: 2024 City Council Planning Session Agenda

City Manager Jessi Bon presented the agenda for the 2024 City Council Planning Session on March 1.

City Council discussed the agenda.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the 2024 City Council Planning Session agenda as presented.

PASSED: ~~76~~-0

FOR: ~~67~~ (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, ~~Weiker~~, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

AB 6402: Public Works Building Facility Condition Assessment Presentation

City Manager Jessi Bon introduced the preliminary Facility Conditions Assessment report and discussed the long-range facilities planning work that began in 2023 that was interrupted by the closure of City Hall. She spoke about the recommendation to replace the Public Works building and align that work with the replacement of City Hall.

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner presented a virtual tour of the Public Works building. He spoke about the teams that are housed out of the building and the workspaces in the lower level of the building for the Utility Team, Right-of-Way Team, Stormwater Team, Parks Operations Team, and Mechanics Shop. Chief of Operations Kintner spoke about what is housed in the Warehouse and why one is needed, discussed the storage areas, locker rooms, restrooms, mudroom, and laundry room. He discussed the upstairs office space that houses Public Works Administration, the Engineering Team, and the Utility Billing Team, spoke about the kitchen and kitchen needs for the Public Works teams especially during inclement weather or emergencies. Chief of Operations Kintner presented the yard vehicle and equipment storage, spoke about the lack of covered storage for outside equipment, tool and equipment storage including space for police items, and

spoke about the materials and waste storage facilities.

Chief of Operations Kintner presented the findings of the preliminary facility conditions assessment findings including, roofing and water intrusion issues in the Warehouse and Administrative Offices, heating, cooling and ventilation issues in the building, electrical service and distribution throughout the building, and structural deficiencies. He spoke about the insufficient restroom capacity, the lack of a fire suppression system and lack of fall prevention railings in storage areas. He discussed the next steps to identify critical system repairs needed to extend the life of the building.

City Council discussed the presentation and asked questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the February 20 Meeting and the March 1 Planning Session.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weinberg to:
Excuse Councilmember Wendy Weiker's absence.
PASSED: 6-0
FOR: 6 (Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, and Weinberg
ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted he is looking forward to the MIYFS Foundation breakfast.

Mayor Nice noted he will be in Olympia this week for AWC Action Days.

Councilmember Weinberg spoke about the Superintendent Advisory Council meeting on January 24, Arts Council meeting on January 17, and K4C meeting on February 2. He noted that his next monthly open lunch is on Saturday at Sushi Joa and spoke about building his fifth tiny home in Seattle that will be deployed to a tiny home village.

Councilmember Reynolds noted he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the MIYFS Foundation breakfast and congratulated Andrea Larson on her CMC designation.

Councilmember Anderl spoke about the Open Space Conservancy Trust meeting in January.

Councilmember Jacobson noted that there is a Utility Board meeting next week and voiced his support of Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum as the most qualified City Councilmember to serve as Deputy Mayor.

City Council was in recess from 7:04pm – 7:12pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:12 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in Room 103 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Room 103. Councilmember Jake Jacobson joined via Microsoft Teams.

Councilmember Wendy Weiker was absent.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 8:19 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk