



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JANUARY 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice 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.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmember Lisa Anderl attended via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Add a statement addressing the recent hate-based vandalism at Islander Middle School as the first item of Regular Business and approve the agenda as amended.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

STUDY SESSION

AB 6601: Sustainability Work Program Update

Sustainability Program Manager Alanna DeRogatis presented an update on the City's sustainability work program. She spoke about the history of sustainability on Mercer Island beginning in 2007 through the adoption of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) in 2023 and reviewed the 2030 targets in the CAP. Sustainability Program Manager DeRogatis spoke about the progress on implementation of the early action items in the CAP, and the items scheduled for work during the 2025-2026 work plan.

City Council discussed the presentation and asked questions of staff.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** City Council Annual Planning Session – February 4 at 12:00pm and City Council Meeting at 5:00 pm. Planning Commission Meeting on January 22 at 6:00 pm.
- **City Services Updates:**
 - Arts Council Vacancy – City Council is recruiting for a vacant position on the Arts Council. The recruitment is open through February 25.
 - Island Crest Way Crosswalk Improvements – This project will install a pedestrian signal at Island Park Elementary and flashing beacons at SE 62nd and SE 63rd Streets. Construction will resume the week of February 17 (Mid-Winter Break) with branch trimming and power installations. The week of April 14 (Spring Break) crews will install and wire the pedestrian signal, flashing beacons, new light poles, and related equipment. To reduce traffic delays construction is scheduled during school breaks.
 - Traffic Signal Safety Improvements – This project makes minor upgrades to four City traffic signals in Town Center. The upgrades include enabling protected left turns and improving traffic flow and

efficiency. New pedestrian push buttons and enhanced signal heads have also been installed. Work on this project is 90% complete.

- Thrift Shop Construction – Construction at the Thrift Shop is scheduled to begin in February to rebuild the covered walkway and garage. The Thrift Shop will be closed from February 8-22 to allow contractors to complete the work that will affect donation and retail operations.
- YFS Launches PARENT LAB – YFS is launching PARENT LAB, a new parent-support program funded by the Best Star for Kids grant. These in person interactive workshops that teach parenting skills and guidance on everyday parenting challenges.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Celebrate Lunar New Year on February 2 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at MICEC.
 - Senior Resource Fair on March 1 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at MICEC.
- **News:**
 - New Financial Management Software – Organization-wide trainings in the new financial management software began in January, and core financial systems went live the week of January 20.
 - Paws on Patrol – Police Support Office Andrea Scinkovec has begun planning out activities and updates for the MIPD Paws on Patrol program. The first meeting and training is scheduled for May 8 beginning at 5:00 pm at Rotary Park.

APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6599: January 10, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the January 10, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$772,173.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

- A. Check Register | 00222007-00222066 | 1/03/2025 | \$767,674.83
- B. Check Register | 00222067-00222136 | 1/10/2025 | \$883,892.24
- C. EFT Payments | November 2024 | \$4,524,437.54
- D. EFT Payments | December 2024 | \$2,523,366.47

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 Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025.

AB 6610: Commuter Parking Project Right-of-Way Dedication

Recommended Actions: Adopt Resolution No. 1669 dedicating a portion of the former Tully's property as City right-of-way.

AB 6611: Commuter Parking Facility Project Bid Award

Recommended Action: Award the Commuter Parking Facility project to OMA Construction, Inc., a Washington-based company, and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with OMA Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,697,021; and set the total project budget at \$2,446,932.

AB 6613: Approval of the 2025 AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign the AFSCME Collective Bargaining

Agreement for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

AB 6614: Interlocal Agreement with Sourcewell for Cooperative Purchasing

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Participation Agreement (interlocal) with Sourcewell for cooperative purchasing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Jacobson to:

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

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Nice)

REGULAR BUSINESS

No AB: Statement Addressing Recent Hate-Based Vandalism at Islander Middle School

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum read the joint statement that was drafted by himself and Mayor Nice into the record.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt joint statement and issue to community.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6612: Fire Apparatus Acquisition and Financing (Ordinance No. 25-04, First Reading)

Eastside Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Doug McDonald spoke about the two Mercer Island fire apparatus that are up for replacement in 2025, the price of the velocity pumper and of the freightliner pumper, the build times to receive the apparatus, and the anticipated acquisition dates of the new apparatus.

Finance Director Matt Mornick discussed the financing and budgetary impacts of the acquisition of the fire apparatus.

City Council discussed the acquisition and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Set Ordinance No. 25-04 authorizing purchase of two fire apparatus (one Pierce Velocity Pumper and one Pierce Freightliner Pumper) and authorizing a purchase agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. and a Master Tax-Exempt Installment Purchase Agreement with Municipal Asset Management, Inc. finance both fire apparatus for second reading and adoption on February 4, 2025

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AB 6600: Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units - HB 1110, HB 1337 and SB 5258 Compliance

CPD Director Jeff Thomas spoke about the process for development of interim regulations related to HB 1110, HB 1337, and SB 5258 to comply with state mandates related to land use and housing. He noted that staff will return on February 4 with the first reading of an interim ordinance.

CPD Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp spoke about the legislative requirements of HB 1110, HB 1337, and SB 5258, about the scope of work for the interim regulations and development of permanent regulations, and about unit lot subdivision and unity density. She discussed the six policy questions before the City Council and the direction staff are looking for that will be used in the development of the interim regulations.

City Council discussed the briefing and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Direct staff to prepare an ordinance containing interim development regulations for public hearing and consideration on February 4, 2025 incorporating the following six middle housing types: duplex, triplex, fourplex, townhouses, courtyard apartments, and staked flats.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Direct staff to prepare an ordinance containing interim development regulations for public hearing and consideration on February 4, 2025 incorporating the standard density approach (Option 1).

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Direct staff to prepare an ordinance containing interim development regulations for public hearing and consideration on February 4, 2025 setting an allowed unit density with a maximum of two units per lot in the R-8.4, R-9.6, R-12 and R-15 zones, with a maximum of four units per lot permitted within ¼-mile walking distance of a major transit stop or when one unit is affordable. Additionally, the interim development regulations should specify that ADUs will be considered a unit for the purpose of calculating unit density

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Direct staff to prepare an ordinance containing interim development regulations for public hearing and consideration on February 4, 2025, including a maximum floor area for ADUs of 1,000 square feet and to tie the existing 5% GFA bonus for ADU creation attached to single-family dwellings to a requirement of at least one parking space per ADU unit.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Direct staff to prepare a resolution for consideration on March 4, 2025 to amend the City's fee schedule to apply existing impact fee rates to middle housing and ADUs.

PASSED: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the February 4 City Council Annual Planning Session and Regular Meeting, and the Joint Meeting with the School Board on February 6.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Weiker will be absent on March 18.

Councilmember Weinberg noted his next monthly open lunch will be at 12pm on February 15 at Toshi's Teriyaki.

Councilmember Anderl noted that there was a WRIA 8 meeting last week.

Councilmember Jacobson noted that there was Utility Board and Open Space Conservancy Trust Board meetings last week.

City Council was in recess from 7:01 pm – 7:10 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:10 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in Room 104 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams.

Executive Session 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 Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 7:48 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk