



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5784
December 1, 2020
Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5784: Extend Temporary Change to City Council Regular Meeting Start Time (Ord. No. 20C-27; First Reading and Adoption)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 20C-27 amending MICC 2.06.010 to extend until December 31, 2021 the temporary change to the start time of Regular Meetings of the City Council.	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Deborah Estrada, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Ordinance No. 20C-27
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

SUMMARY

Since the various declarations of emergency and orders to stay home were issued as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City Council has been holding its meetings remotely. To make remote meetings more efficient, the City adopted Ordinance No. 20C-10 amending MICC 2.06.010 to temporarily change the start time of Regular Meetings from 6:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The temporary change, however, is scheduled to end on December 31, 2020.

It is possible that City Council meetings will continue to be held remotely for many months until it is determined by public health officials and the City Council that it is safe to resume in-person meetings. The public can listen to remote meetings by telephone, watch them live through Zoom, YouTube, and MI-TV Channel 21, and appear before the City Council and provide public testimony by both telephone and Zoom. Consequently, it is recommended that the temporary change to the start time of Regular Meetings be extended until December 31, 2021.

If the need to meet remotely ends before December 31, 2021, the extension can easily be shortened with the adoption of a new ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Suspend City Council Rules of Procedure 6.3, requiring a second reading for an ordinance.
- 2) Adopt Ordinance No. 20C-27 amending MICC 2.06.010 to extend until December 31, 2021 the temporary change to the start time of Regular Meetings of the City Council.