



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JULY 21, 2026

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.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl 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:**
 - No City Council meetings in August, next City Council Meeting is on Tuesday, September 1 at 5:00 pm
 - Planning Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 pm
 - No other Board and Commission meetings in August
- **City Updates:**
 - Water System Plan Update – The Water System Plan is a document that guides the City's water system over the next 20 years and is required by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-100. Updates and approval by the Department of Health of the Water System Plan are required every 10 years. The Utility Board and City Council will begin this work this fall.
 - Hydrant Flow Testing – Water crews completed fire hydrant flow testing on the south end to collect performance data that will be used to calibrate the City's hydraulic model as part of the Water System Plan update. Additional flow tests are scheduled over the next four weeks.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Pride Night in the Park – July 30, Mercerdale Park, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- **Summer Celebration Recap:**
 - 2026 Summer Celebration was one for the record books! From the morning parade through the evening fireworks, thousands of residents and visitors joined us for a day that celebrates everything that makes Mercer Island special. Thank you to the many City staff, volunteers, sponsors, performers, and community partners who made the event possible.

APPEARANCES

David Orem (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code.

Mike Cero (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code.

Darren Gold (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code.

John Hamer (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code.

Andrew Lane (Mercer Island) spoke against proposed amendments to the development standards for emergency and permanent supportive housing in the Mercer Island City Code.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6966: July 10, 2026 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the July 10, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,130,111.10 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6967: Certification for Claims Paid June 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026

Recommended Actions: Approve the June 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$1,676,657.15 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2026.

AB 6954: Appropriation to accelerate design of Phase 1 of the 2028 Water System Improvements Project

Recommended Action: Postpone the 2026 PRV Replacement Project (90.40.0015) to the 2027-2028 biennium and reallocate \$400,000 to Phase 1 of the 2028 Water System Improvements Project (90.40.0020).

AB 6964: Appropriation for Design and Permitting of the City Hall Demolition Project

Recommended Action: Reallocate \$80,000 from the MICEC Annex Repair Project (90.05.0007) and \$125,000 from the Luther Burbank Administrative Building Repairs Project (90.05.0008) to fund design and permitting of the City Hall Demolition Project (90.05.0022).

AB 6968: GMA Compliance – Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Second Reading, Ord. No. 26-09)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 26-09 amending the Comprehensive Plan and establishing a Station Subarea Plan to complete the City's Growth Management Act compliance efforts.

AB 6969: GMA Compliance – MICC, Title 19 Amendments (Second Reading, Ord. No. 26C-10)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 26C-10 amending Mercer Island City Code Title 19 to implement Comprehensive Plan amendments and complete the City's Growth Management Act compliance efforts

AB 6970: 2026 Public Art Restorations

Recommended Action: Appropriate \$30,836 from the 1% for Art in Public Places Fund and authorize the City Manager to execute general services agreements to reinstall Fire Flower by Gizel Berman and repair Gateway Figures by Garth Edwards.

AB 6972: Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee Staff Voting Delegate

Recommended Action: Delegate the City Council authority to appoint the representative to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) to the City Manager.

AB 6973: Sound Transit Traffic Signal Bill of Sale

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Bill of Sale for the traffic signal at 80th Avenue SE and SE 27th Street substantially in the form included as Exhibit 1.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

The City Council was in recess from 5:23 pm to 5:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1

At 5:30 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum convened an Executive Session in Room 102 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams for approximately 45 minutes until 6:15 pm.

Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor David Rosenbaum, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person. Councilmember Craig Reynolds participated via MS Teams.

City Attorney Bio Park and other staff participated in person.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 6:10 pm.

The City Council was in recess from 6:10 pm to 6:15 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6965: GMA Compliance – Title 15 MICC Amendments (First Reading, Ord. No 26C-11)

Mayor Rosenbaum opened the public hearing at 6:17 pm. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 6:18 pm.

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner introduced Public Works Deputy Director Kellye Hilde who spoke about the amendment to Title 15 of the Mercer Island City Code related to stormwater retention for compliance with amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and establishment of the Station Subarea Plan.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure requiring a second reading of ordinances.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Weinberg to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 26C-11 to amend MICC 15.11.020(B) to implement Utilities Element Policy 4.7 by requiring onsite stormwater detention for development within the Town Center and other constrained drainage basins identified by the City.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Weiker to:

Cancel the August 4 and 18 City Council Regular Hybrid Meetings.

PASSED: 7-0

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

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Weiker thanked staff for all of the work on the summer events.

Councilmember Weinberg noted his next open lunch is on August 15 at the Roanoke Inn at 12:00 pm.

Councilmember Anderl noted she attended the Open Space Conservancy Trust meeting and that Art Uncorked is on August 29.

Councilmember Hsieh noted she attended the Arts Council meeting, the WIRA 8 Salmon Recovery meeting, and her next monthly open event will be on August 24 at ASA at 7:30 pm. She also noted the next all Island arts meeting is on August 10 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm at the MIVAL Studio.

Mayor Rosenbaum thanked staff for the work on Summer Celebration, Mostly Music in the Park, and Seafair.

The City Council was in recess from 6:41 pm to 6:45 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2

At 6:45 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum 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 for approximately 15 minutes until 7:00 pm.

Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Mayor David Rosenbaum, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated in person. Councilmember Craig Reynolds participated via MS Teams.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk