



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING OCTOBER 6, 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 and Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker Councilmembers Julie Hsieh, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Craig Reynolds attended via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Weinberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker 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 Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 20 at 5:00 pm
 - Utility Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 13 at 5:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
 - King County Metro Sewer Project is nearing completion. Both driving lanes have been restored to SE 36th Street and final paving of the I-90 trail between 96th Avenue and East Mercer Way is being completed this week. Landscaping will be completed over the next eight weeks before the trail reopens.
 - Reservoir Tank Improvements – Planned work on the South Reservoir began in September for the upcoming one-year coating warranty inspection.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Fall Recycling Event – October 17 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Boat Launch
 - Town Center Trick or Treat – October 30 – 4:00 – 6:00 pm – Participating businesses throughout Town Center
- **News:**
 - YFS Annual Back-to-School Program – This annual program supports Island families in need with school supply gift cards for various retail locations. YFS assisted 46 families

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6998: September 10, 2026 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 10, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,016,390.42 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 7000: September 25, 2026 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 25, 2026 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,048,477.54 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2026.

AB 7001: Certification for Claims Paid August 28, 2026 through September 15, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve the August 28, 2026 through September 15, 2026 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$2,576,333.01 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 7002: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 398

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 398 proclaiming October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Mercer Island.

AB 7003: Arbor Day, Proclamation No. 399

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 399 proclaiming the fourth Saturday in October as Arbor Day on Mercer Island.

AB 7004: Indigenous Peoples' Day, Proclamation No. 400

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 400 proclaiming October 12, 2026 as Indigenous Peoples' Day on Mercer Island.

AB 7005: 2025 Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project Bid Award

Recommended Action: Award the 2025 AC Water Main Replacement project to Kar-Vel Construction; authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Kar-Vel Construction in an amount not to exceed \$3,246,075; and set the total project budget to \$4,753,322.

AB 7007: Ezee Fiber Franchise Agreement (Ord. No. 26-14, Second Reading)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 26-14, approving a telecommunications franchise agreement with Ezee Fiber.

AB 7008: Pressure Reducing Valve Station Replacements Project Phase 2 Bid Award

Recommended Action: Award Phase 2 of the PRV Station Replacements project to Fury Site Works Inc.; authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Fury Site Works Inc. – a Washington-based corporation – in an amount not to exceed \$1,732,213; and set the total project budget at \$2,148,356.

AB 7010: MIYFS Foundation Donation Acceptance

Recommended Action: Accept the additional one-time donation of \$95,852 from the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation to hire a 0.6 FTE High School Counselor for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the City Manager to sign the Funding Acceptance Agreement memorializing the donation.

AB 7017: ESHB 2015 Public Safety Grant Award

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant awarded in the amount of \$2,138,299 from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to support public safety initiatives within Mercer Island, execute the grant agreement, and accept all grant renewals as required.

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, Weinberg, and Weiker)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 7009: Introduction to the 2027-2028 Preliminary Biennial Budget and Overview of the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the 2027-2028 Preliminary Biennial Budget and the schedule for reviewing the Budget. He noted that City Council feedback received will be incorporated into the Budget for final review and adoption on December 1, 2026.

Finance Director Mornick explained that the Budget consists of two parts: an Operating Budget, which funds programs, day-to-day services, and policy initiatives, and a Capital Budget, which authorizes funding for the first two years of the six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). He noted that Operating revenues are both restricted and unrestricted, while Capital revenues are mostly restricted to specific purposes. Finance Director Mornick presentation focused on the Capital Budget, including its funding sources, the decline of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenues, and the work the City Council Finance Ad Hoc Committee to revise the CIP.

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner presented the proposed 2027-2028 Capital Budget priorities:

- Luther Burbank Waterfront: Replace aging docks, improve shoreline habitat, and improve ADA access along Lake Washington.
- MICEC HVAC System: Replace and modernize the 20+ year old system at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.
- 9655 SE 36th Street Building: Phased improvements for the 9655 Building.
- Pedestrian Improvements: Build Phase 1 of Island Crest Way shared use path and make ADA improvements above the new water supply line.
- Sewer Conveyance System: Continue the multiyear system upgrade.
- Long Range Planning: Update the PRO's Plan, Water System Plan, and General Sewer Plan, and develop a Stormwater System Plan.

AB 7018: Discuss Potential Restructure of the Planning Commission

City Manager Jessi Bon presented a review of the Planning Commission's structure after nearly two years in its current format. She summarized the 2024 restructure, the Commission's current structure, and the current vacancy and. City Manager Bon stated that if the City Council wished to restructure the Commission, staff recommends suspending the recruitment and retaining the applications received thus far. She also described the Commission's previous structure and the direction staff would need to proceed with a restructure.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Becker to:

Direct the City Manager to prepare and return to the City Council, at the earliest practicable meeting, an ordinance to restructure the Planning Commission to include the following:

- **5 members;**
- **Includes a residency requirement;**
- **No compensation;**
- **Applicants who have an interest in environmental affairs, planning, architecture, land use, property development, and/or economic development as evidenced by training or experience are encouraged to apply; a broad mix of occupational backgrounds is desired.**

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Becker to:

Suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure requiring filling vacant Planning Commission positions within 60 days or as soon as reasonably practicable to allow time for the City Council to consider options to restructure the Planning Commission.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the November 3 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Deputy Mayor Becker noted there was a King County Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Councilmember Weinberg noted there was a K4C meeting, and his next monthly open lunch is on October 18 at Pagliacci Pizza at 12:00 pm.

Councilmember Reynolds spoke about the October 1 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

Councilmember Hsieh reminded the community about the Dart route 204, all of the activity flyers at the Community Center, and noted her next monthly open coffee is on October 23 at Asa at 1:00 pm.

Mayor Rosenbaum noted the last Farmer's Market is this Sunday.

City Council was in recess from 7:00pm - 7:05pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 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 60 minutes until 8:05 pm.

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

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

City Attorney Bio Park participated in person and other staff participated in person and via MS Teams.

At 8:05 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 8:10 pm.

At 8:10 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 8:15 pm.

At 8:15 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 8:20 pm.

At 8:20 pm, Mayor Rosenbaum extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes to 8:25 pm.

Mayor Rosenbaum adjourned the Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

At 8:25 pm Mayor Rosenbaum reconvened the meeting.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Becker to:

Authorize the City Manager to proceed with settlement in City of Mercer Island v. Campbell as discussed in Executive Session

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Becker, Hsieh, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Anderl)

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Attest:

Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk