



# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

City Clerk Andrea Larson called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:00 pm from the Slater Room Council Chambers at Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

PASSED: 7-0

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

## APPEARANCES

Addie Smith, spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Dan Nordale, Mercer Island, spoke in support of the Mercer Island Country Club docket item.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### **AB 6386: Councilmember Oath of Office and Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections**

City Clerk Andrea Larson welcomed the audience and explained the process for administering the official oaths of office for the re-elected Councilmembers Rosenbaum, Weiker, Reynolds, and Jacobson with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor elections to follow.

City Clerk Larson administered the Oaths of Office to re-elected Councilmembers Dave Rosenbaum, Wendy Weiker, Craig Reynolds, and Jake Jacobson.

City Clerk Larson explained how the nomination and voting process would work for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor elections. She noted that to be successful a nominee must receive at least four votes from the full Council to be declared the successful candidate.

She then called for nomination from the floor for the Office of Mayor for 2024-2025. Councilmember Jacobson nominated Councilmember Nice. There were no further nominations.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

**Elect Salim Nice to serve as Mayor for 2024 and 2025.**

PASSED: 7-0

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

City Clerk Larson administered the Mayoral Oath of Office to Mayor Nice.

City Clerk Larson then called for nomination from the floor for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2023-2024. Councilmember Weiker nominated Councilmember Rosenbaum. There were no further nominations.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

**Elect Dave Rosenbaum to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2024 and 2025.**

PASSED: 7-0

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

City Clerk Larson administered the Deputy Mayoral Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum.

City Clerk Larson then turned the meeting over to Mayor Nice.

City Council was in recess from 5:20 pm – 5:45 pm.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Accessing City Services:** Reminder how to access City Services through the Customer Service Team.
- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Next City Council meeting is January 16, 2024. Upcoming Board and Commission Meetings: Design Commission January 3, Parks & Recreation Commission January 4, and Utility Board January 9.
- **Update on City Hall Transitions:** New Slater Room Council Chambers in use tonight for the first time. Municipal Court move to Newcastle City Hall is progressing, the Courtroom space will be ready to go by next Monday, with the staff office space soon following. Progress is ongoing with the police modular buildings.
- **City Services Updates:** MICEC Winter Maintenance the last two weeks of 2023, Water Utility Team has been busy working on annual maintenance, Stormwater Team conducted hotspot drainage clearing and jettying, ROW Team continues to clean up fall blowdown debris and addressing streetlight outages, 4004 Island Crest Way Project is substantially complete with only minor touch up items remaining.
- **Upcoming Events:** Fire Station Open Houses on January 10 at Station 91 and January 13 at Station 92.
- **News:** Illuminate IM was a great success, thank you sponsors. Thank you YFS donors, YFS holiday programs supported many families in December. Go Dawgs!

## CONSENT AGENDA

### AB 6387: December 1, 2023 Payroll Certification

**Recommended Action:** Approve the December 1, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,109,66.34 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

### AB 6388: December 15, 2023 Payroll Certification

**Recommended Action:** Approve the December 15, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,108,870.37 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

### Certification of Claims:

- A. Check Register | 217881-218030 | 12/01/2023 | \$1,683,873.01
- B. Check Register | 218031-218072 | 12/08/2023 | \$540,417.55
- C. Check Register | 218073-218155 | 12/15/2023 | \$1,381,324.58
- D. Check Register | 218156-218224 | 12/22/2023 | \$532,499.86

**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 December 5, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the City Council Meeting minutes of the December 5, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

### **AB 6380: Luther Burbank Boiler Building Phase LBB1 Bid Award**

**Recommended Action:** Award the Luther Burbank Park Boiler Building Phase LBB1 (Bid No. 23-30) to Ferguson Construction and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Ferguson Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$1,891,377 for the construction of the Luther Burbank Park Boiler Building Phase LLBB1 and set the total project budget at \$2,521,566.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

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

PASSED: 7-0

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

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **AB 6385: 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Housing Element – HB 1220 Implementation**

CPD Director Jeff Thomas introduced the purpose of the presentation to provide an overview of two reports needed to implement the regulations from House Bill 1200 and to continue work on the Housing Element update of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and provided an overview of the process for the evening.

Senior Planner Adam Zack presented an overview of the periodic review to the Comprehensive Plan, spoke about the process in the years following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan including annual reporting and monitoring progress, and a 5-year check in with the Department of Commerce. He spoke about the impacts of House Bill 1220 that was passed by the WA State Legislature in 2021, discussed the guidance that was received from the Department of Commerce that recommends two reports, one to evaluate data and policies to examine racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing policies and the second a land capacity analysis to determine if there is adequate capacity for housing needs. Senior Planner Zack presented the racially disparate impacts (RDI) report, discussed the review of the demographic data for Mercer Island to King County data, spoke about the displacement data, looked at the evaluation of housing policies in the Comprehensive Plan that will need to be reviewed and potentially amended to comply with HB1220, and discussed the next steps from the RDI evaluation.

City Council discussed the RDI report and asked questions of staff.

Senior Planner Zack presented the Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) supplement, discussed the housing need by income level, spoke about the housing capacity, reviewed the housing affordability without subsidy, and discussed housing capacity surplus or deficit by zone category and affordability.

CPD Director Thomas and Senior Planner Zack discussed the housing needs by income level and presented the three options for addressing the capacity deficit 1) Increasing height in Town Center, 2) Allow Multifamily in Commercial Office Zoning, and 3) Increase density in MF-3 zoning.

City Council discussed the proposals and provided feedback to staff.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the January 16 Meeting.

### **Councilmember Absences and Reports**

Councilmember Jacobson attended the SCA North Caucus meeting on December 13.  
Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum thanked the Council for electing him for a second term as Deputy Mayor.  
Councilmember Weiker noted that AWC Action Days are on February 7 and 8.  
Councilmember Weinberg thanked staff for converting the Slater Room into Council Chambers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:52 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in the Board Room at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Attest:

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Salim Nice, Mayor

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk