



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL VIDEO MEETING November 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Wong called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Benson Wong, Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker (joined at 3:05 pm), and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Salim Nice, Craig Reynolds, and David Rosenbaum participated remotely using a video teleconferencing platform by Zoom.

Jessi Bon, City Manager, participated remotely from City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington. The City Attorney and Mercer Island City Leadership Team participated from remote locations.

Mayor Wong took a moment to recognize veterans for Veterans Day and to thank veterans for their service.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rosenbaum delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the agenda.

Passed 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, and Wong)

APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 5978: ARCH 2022 Work Plan and Budget Approval

Recommended Action:

Approve the ARCH 2022 Work Plan and Budget and direct the City Manager to include the revised total of \$55,265 for the 2022 ARCH Administrative Budget in the Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the consent agenda.

Passed 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5970: Town Center Parking Study Consultant Finalist Presentations

Sarah Bluvus, Economic Development Coordinator, introduced the finalist consultant and gave an overview of the process so far.

Council received the presentation and held discussion and asked questions of the consultant.

CM Bon explained the next steps in the process. Either move forward with Walker Consultants, Direct staff to conduct further interviews or direct staff to start the process over.

Moved by Nice; seconded by Weiker to:

Direct the City Manager to complete the reference checks Walker Consultants, and if satisfactory, to negotiate and sign a mutually acceptable agreement for Professional services that will be based upon the form attached as Exhibit A to Agenda Bill 5915 from July 2021.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 5968: Metro Long-Range Transit Plan

Ross Freeman, Sustainability Program Analyst, introduced the staff from Metro who presented the Metro Long-Range Transit Plan presentation.

Katie Chalmers, Service Development Manager, and Lauren Batalias, Local Government Relations and Partnerships Lead, gave a presentation to Council on Metro's long-range transit plan and Mercer Island.

Council held discussion on the long-range transit plan and asked questions of the Metro staff.

AB 5969 Legislative Priorities Discussion

Jessi Bon, City Manager, gave a presentation to Council on the 2022 draft legislative priorities.

Council discussed the proposals and provided feedback on the draft legislative priorities:

- Allowing reasonable implementation timelines for local governments to implement legislative changes. Add to both cover letter and combine with Priority No. 1.
- Ask for clarification to the 2021 police reform legislation to Priority No. 3.
- Provide clarification to Priority No. 4: Sustainable and Flexible Local Funding
 - Move "preserve city fiscal health through secure and flexible funding" to introduction paragraph;
 - Add transportation and green infrastructure projects;
 - Add Fully funding the Public Works Trust Fund (moved from Priority No. 5);
 - Move removing restrictions on REET revenues;
- Add "ensure economic vitality" and "transportation projects" to Priority No. 5;
- Add "incentivize and" to Priority No. 6.
- Add new Priority No. 7 regarding the permanent modernization of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)

AB 5964: Potential Interlocal Agreements with Medina/Hunts Point for Marine Patrol Services

Ed Holmes, Chief of Police, introduced Chad Schumacher, Marine Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Schumacher gave a presentation to Council overviewing the process and agreements.

Sergeant Schumacher spoke to how increasing the Marine Patrol can benefit the region and would also help the City be able to get more grants through the state by providing regional marine patrol support.

City Council discussed the potential interlocal agreements with Medina/ Hunts Point for Marine Patrol services.

Unanimously agreed to bring back to Council at the December 7, 2021 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Benson Wong, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk