



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6887  
March 17, 2026  
Regular Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6887: Arts Council, Open Space Conservancy Trust, and Utility Board Vacancy Appointments (Resolution Nos. 1690 and 1691)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve resolutions Nos. 1690 and 1691 appointing members to vacant positions on the Arts Council, Utility Board, and Open Space Conservancy Trust.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Dave Rosenbaum Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. City Council Rules of Procedure, Section 8 2. Applicant List 3. Resolution No. 1690 4. Resolution No. 1691
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda item is to appoint members to vacant positions on the Arts Council and Utility Board and to confirm the Mayor’s appointment to the Open Space Conservancy Trust.

**BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to the City Council Rules of Procedure section 8.13 (Exhibit 1), a recruitment was opened for the vacant positions on the City’s advisory boards and commissions. The following board and commission positions were advertised in January and February:

- Arts Council (1 position, term expires May 31, 2029)
- Open Space Conservancy Trust (1 position, term expires May 31, 2028)
- Utility Board (1 position, term expires May 31, 2028)

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

### RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Position vacancies were advertised across several platforms, including a website news release, City Manager Reports, the MI Weekly e-newsletter, social media, and City Council and boards and commission meetings.

In response to outreach efforts, nine applications (Exhibit 2) were received by the March 6, 2026 deadline. The breakdown of the applications received is as follows:

- Arts Council: 4
- Open Space Conservancy Trust: 8
- Utility Board: 2

Four applicants applied for more than one position. The application materials were forwarded to the City Council for review on March 9, 2026.

### APPOINTMENT PROCESS

#### Arts Council and Utility Board

The Arts Council and Utility Board appointment process as detailed in Section 8.12 of the City Council Rules of Procedure (see Exhibit 1) provides that all appointments are made by a vote of the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting. Each Councilmember will complete a written ballot, casting a vote for the identified open seat on a board or commission. If there is more than one open seat on a board or commission, then each position will be voted on separately (the position with the longest term will be voted on first). Ballots will be submitted to the City Clerk via email for Councilmembers attending the meeting virtually to comply with the Rules of Procedure and [RCW 42.30.060\(2\)](#). The City Clerk will read aloud each Councilmember's vote.

The applicant(s) that receive the most votes, provided they have received a minimum of four votes, will be appointed to the open seats on the Arts Council and Utility Board. The names of the applicants selected will be added to a resolution (see Exhibit 3), with final approval required by a vote of the City Council.

#### Open Space Conservancy Trust

Appointments to the Open Space Conservancy Trust (OSCT) are outlined in [Ordinance No. B-93](#), which establishes the OSCT and [Ordinance No. 96-002](#), which amends the OSCT. The Mayor shall appoint members to the OSCT and the appointments will be confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council.

The name of the applicant the Mayor recommends appointing to the open seat on the Open Space Conservancy Trust has been added to a resolution (see Exhibit 4) and the City Council will vote to approve the resolution.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Vote on applicants to fill vacant positions on the Arts Council and Utility Board.
2. Approve Resolution No. 1690, appointing those voted on to fill the vacancies on the Arts Council and Utility Board.
3. Approve Resolution No. 1691, appointing a member to the vacancy on the Open Space Conservancy Trust.