



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00 pm
 - Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting on Thursday, November 6 at 5:00 pm
 - Joint Parks & Recreation and Open Space Conservancy Trust Meeting on Wednesday – November 12 at 5:00 pm
- **City Updates:**
 - East Mercer Way Emergency Water Main Repair – The repair work is finally completed on the roadway, and the southbound lane of East Mercer Way is expected to be open to traffic later this week.
 - Town Center Parking Facility – The lot has reopened after being closed to finish installation of new landscaping and installation of new bicycle lockers.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Community Baby Shower – November 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at MICEC
 - Jack Jacobson Pickleball Court Dedication – November 18 at 4:00 pm at the pickleball courts
- **News:**
 - Mercer Island Sister City 25th Anniversary Celebration – The Mercer Island Sister City Association celebrated 25 years of partnership with Thonon-les-Bains, France.

APPEARANCES

Dustin Jolly spoke about his interaction with the Mercer Island Police Department.

Jessica Clawson (Legal Counsel for Stroum Jewish Community Center) spoke about amendments 39 and 40 to AB 6802 regarding the Omnibus Ordinance.

Amy Lavin (CEO of the Stroum Jewish Community Center) spoke about amendments 39 and 40 to AB 6802 regarding the Omnibus Ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6798: October 24, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the October 24, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$995,759.28 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6799: Certification for Claims Paid September 30, 2025 through October 15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the September 30, 2025 through October 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$2,715,982.15 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025.

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025.

AB 6793: Lakeline Reach 1 Capacity Improvement Phase 1 Project

Recommended Actions: Reallocate the following capital project resources in the 2025-2026 biennial budget to the Lakeline Reach 1 Capacity Improvement Project, amounting to a \$1,839,846 budget adjustment as follows:

1. \$1,041,201 from the Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (90.30.0005).
2. \$500,000 from the Wet Well Cleaning & Restoration Project (90.30.0006).
3. \$298,645 from the Sewer Easements and Right-of-Way Project (90.30.0012).

AB 6794: East Mercer Way Emergency Water Main Repair Appropriation Request

Recommended Action: Appropriate \$245,280 from the available fund balance within the Water Fund to the Emergency Water System Repairs capital project (90.40.0001) to complete emergency water main repairs in the 7700 block of East Mercer Way.

AB 6797: Connection Charges Update for the Water Distribution and Sewer Conveyance Systems

Recommended Action: Appropriate \$20,000 from the Water Fund and \$20,000 from the Sewer Fund unassigned fund balance to update connection charges for the water and sewer utility systems.

AB 6800: Shop Small Month, Proclamation No. 375

Recommended Action: Approve Proclamation No. 375 Proclaiming November 2025 Shop Small Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6803: Ratification of Proclamation Ending Local Emergency (Proclamation No. 376)

Recommended Action: Ratify Proclamation No. 376 ending the local emergency issued by the City Manager on August 7, 2025.

AB 6804: Signing on to AWC's letter to Governor Ferguson on Proposed Municipal Wastewater Nutrient Regulations

Recommended Action: Authorize Mayor Nice to sign the AWC Letter to Governor Ferguson in support of AWC's budget request for a collaborative process to gather all affected parties on the proposed wastewater nutrient regulations to work together towards an outcome that is protective of Puget Sound and financially sustainable for ratepayers and residents.

It was moved by Becker; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6791: B&O Tax Code Amendment (Ordinance. No. 25C-23, First Reading)

Finance Director Matt Mornick discussed the update to the business and occupation (B&O) tax model ordinance and provided background on local B&O tax system. He spoke about how the City applies the B&O tax as a flat rate, how there is no change forecasted to the City's B&O tax revenues due to this amendment, and discussed next steps.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:

Set Ordinance No. 25C-23 for second reading and adoption.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

AB 6802: Omnibus Ordinance Related to Permanent Regulations for Housing Production and Permit Streamlining (Ordinance No. 25C-27 First Reading)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas spoke about the background on the omnibus ordinance related to permanent regulations for housing production and permit streamlining. He introduced Principal Planner Adam Zack who discussed the process of drafting the permanent regulations and the topics that are addressed in the ordinance. Principal Planner Zack discussed the Planning Commission minor and substantiative amendments, and the next steps.

Planning Commission Chair Daniel Thompson spoke about the Planning Commission's recommendation.

City Council discussed the amendments and asked questions.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Remove Matrix Log Numbers 38, 39 and 40 as shown in AB 6802 Exhibit 3 from Ordinance No. 25C-27 and direct the City Manager to complete a review of parking related standards, agreements, variances as well as any other forms of relief from parking standards in MICC, Chapter 19 for the purpose of reporting findings to the City Council at a future to be determined time.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Schedule Ordinance No. 25C-27 for second reading as amended.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

AB 6801: Permanent Regulations for Temporary Uses and Structures, Including Outdoor Dining (Ordinance No. 25C-26 First Reading)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas spoke about the background on the regulations related to temporary uses and structures. He introduced Senior Planner Molly McGuire who presented the Planning Commission's recommendation and interim regulation matrix. Senior Planner McGuire discussed the eleven substantive amendments proposed by the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Chair Daniel Thompson spoke about the Planning Commission's recommendation.

City Council discussed the amendments and asked questions

It was moved by Nice; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Move to remove Matrix Log Numbers 3, 4, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27 as shown in AB 6801

Exhibit 3 from Ordinance No. 25C-26 and schedule Ordinance No. 25C-26 for second reading as amended.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences and Reports

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:

Excuse Councilmember Reynolds' absence from the meeting.

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Becker, Nice, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 1 (Reynolds)

Councilmembers Weiker and Anderl thanked everyone for their work on the Town Center trick-or-treating. Councilmember Weinberg noted he attended the K4C meeting in October and that his next monthly lunch will be at Alistair on November 16 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk