



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:01 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and 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, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

City Council was in recess from 7:00 pm – 7:15 pm.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 7:15 pm from a remote location.

Mayor Salim Nice Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Weiker to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **City Hall Closure:** Customer Service team is the fastest way to access City of Mercer Island services. Staff continue to work on preparing City Hall for permanent closure. Work continues to transform the Slater Room into a temporary Council Chambers. Installation of temporary modular buildings in the City Hall Parking lot.
- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Upcoming City Council meeting on October 17. Upcoming board and commission meetings – Design Commission on October 4, Parks & Recreation Commission on October 5, Utility Board on October 10.
- **City Services Updates:** Marine Patrol hosted the Sewer Team to tour critical sewer system facilities by boat. Stormwater staff conducted focused catch basin maintenance prioritizing basin with installed sediment collection socks. Ellis Pond boardwalk has been pressured washed and re-stained. Upcoming tree removal the week of October 2 and 24 to remove dead, dying and diseased trees, as well as trees that pose risk to public safety. Paving project repurposed approximately 50 cubic yards of asphalt grindings to be used to make new hot mix asphalt in an upcoming project. Island Crest Way

corridor improvement project updates. Construction begins on Sewer Basin 40 project. Bike Skills Area at Deane's Children's Park construction is beginning this week.

- **Upcoming Events:** One Pill Can Kill presentation on October 4 at the MICEC, Arbor Day Event on October 21.
- **News:** New battery collection box at the Thrift Shop thanks to a suggestion by Bowen Nago a fifth-grade student at West Mercer Elementary. The hawk that was rescued by the Utility team in September is doing well and is transitioning to finishing out his rehab in a pre-release enclosure.

APPEARANCES

Gardner Morelli, Mercer Island, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 23C-15 regarding Shoreline Master Program amendments.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6347: September 22, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the September 22, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,009,156.69 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 217199-217278 | 9/15/2023 | \$586,856.56

B. Check Register | 217276-217330 | 9/22/2023 | \$258,715.00

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 September 19, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6348: Arbor Day Proclamation No. 317

Recommended Action: Proclaim the third Saturday in October as Arbor Day in the City of Mercer Island.

AB 6349: Domestic Violence Action Month, Proclamation No. 318

Recommended Action: Proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Action Month on Mercer Island.

AB 6345: 2023-2024 Work Plan Update

Recommended Action: Receive report. No action necessary.

AB 6353: Termination of the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency Interlocal Agreement

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to take the necessary actions to (1) terminate the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA) Interlocal Agreement; (2) dissolve EPSCA; and (3) effectuate the termination and dissolution in best interest of the City.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds 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 6341: Shoreline Master Program Amendments (Ordinance No. 23C-15 Second Reading)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas introduced the second reading of Ordinance No. 23C-15 and introduced Planner Molly McGuire who provided an overview of the purpose of the proposed amendments to the Shoreline Master Program.

Director Thomas reviewed the recommended motions and next steps.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

Amend MICC 19.13.050(L)(2)(b) to read “the marina is owned or operated by an organization or corporation serving at least 50 people; or”.

PASSED: 4-3

FOR: 4 (Anderl, Jacobson, Nice, and Rosenbaum)

AGAINST: 3 (Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-15 as amended.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6351: Closure of Mercer Island City Hall (Resolution No. 1650)

City Manager Jessi Bon presented Resolution No. 1650 to cease City Operations at Mercer Island City Hall and permanently close the building. City Manager Bon reviewed the history of the closure of the building on April 17, 2023 when broken tiles and tile adhesive in the basement Mechanical Room of City Hall were identified, tested, and confirmed to contain asbestos. She discussed the timeline of in-depth testing that was conducted, spoke about the abatement of the Mechanical Room, discussed the good faith inspection that was performed to identify additional asbestos that may be in the building, and spoke about the results and findings of the testing. She also reviewed the preliminary cost estimate for re-occupancy of City Hall, spoke about the City Hall conditions assessment that had begun earlier in the year, and discussed the recommendation to permanently close City Hall and focus on identifying a long-term solution for replacement.

City Manager Bon spoke about accessing City Services through the Customer Service Team and noted that a Let's Talk Page had been created which encompasses all the information regarding the closure. She spoke about how City services are being delivered with a closed City Hall and how the continuity of public services is the top priority. She spoke about staff's primary focus now is on relocating and stabilizing the Municipal Court and Police Department and to stand up a functional space for City Council meetings.

City Council discussed the closure and thanked the City Manager for her work on facilities management.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve Resolution No. 1650, directing the permanent closure of the Mercer Island City Hall building.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the October 17 and November 7 City Council meetings.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Reynolds expressed excitement for the progress on the Bike Skills Area.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum mentioned that the SCA PIC is meeting next week and looking at legislative priorities and thanked the MI Farmers Market.

Councilmember Weiker mentioned that there is a SCA networking event on October 25 and mentioned that the AWC board passed 2024 legislative priorities.

Councilmember Weinberg noted a save the date for October 26 for a Sister City reception.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk