



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Debbie Bertlin called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 pm at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Deputy Mayor Salim Nice and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Bruce Bassett, Wendy Weiker (by phone at 5:03 PM; in person at 7 PM), Dave Wisenteiner (arrived at 6:58 PM), and Benson Wong were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Wong; seconded by Bassett to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

Passed: 5-0

FOR: 5 (Anderl, Bassett, Bertlin, Nice and Wong)

ABSENT: 2 (Weiker & Wisenteiner)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:01 pm, Mayor Bertlin convened the Executive Session to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 2 hours.

At 6:59 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned the Executive Session and called the Regular Meeting to order.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Fire Chief Steve Heitman and Police Chief Ed Holmes recognized Mercer Island resident and Bothell Fire Fighter Kirk Robinson who passed away on October 4. They spoke about his accomplishments, his involvement, and what made him such a special member of the Mercer Island community.

Following the presentation, the Mayor asked for a moment of silence to honor Mr. Robinson. Councilmembers spoke about him, his impact on all he met, and his involvement in so many activities.

APPEARANCES

Daniel Thompson expressed concern regarding the timing of packets and suggested that packets be received a week earlier. He also encouraged Council to control its agendas and develop an annual docket.

Olivia Lippens, Victor Raisys, Ashley Hay, and Beth (last name unknown) expressed opposition for the Mercer Island Bus Intercept.

Ira Appleman expressed concern that Sound Transit and King County Metro are running the Council and staff and asked that the Council represent Mercer Island residents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payables: \$229,379.34 (09/12/2019), \$1,731,272.02 (09/26/2019), & \$242,870.78 (10/03/2019)

Recommendation: Certify that the materials or services hereinbefore specified have been received and that all warrant numbers listed are approved for payment.

Payroll: \$837,014.37 (09/27/2019)

Recommendation: Certify that the materials or services specified have been received and that all fund warrants are approved for payment.

AB 5587: Fire Apparatus and Equipment Service Interlocal Agreement with Eastside Fire & Rescue

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Eastside Fire & Rescue for Fire Apparatus and Equipment Service.

AB 5610: Arbor Day Proclamation No. 246

Recommendation: Proclaim the third Saturday in October as Arbor Day in the City of Mercer Island and encourage Islanders to participate in tree planting events in Mercer Island parks.

It was moved by Bassett; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Passed: 7-0

FOR: 7 (Anderl, Bassett, Bertlin, Nice, Weiker, Wisenteiner and Wong)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 5611: Pilot Project for Short Term Commuter Parking

Interim Recreation Manager Zach Houvener outlined the progress made since the last presentation to Council, which included the following:

- BP/ARCO Property is no longer part of the pilot parking study
- Sunset Highway project was expanded to include both the west and east end cul-de-sacs
- Ordinance amendments are required to address the "Time-Limited Parking" on the east end of the Sunset Highway cul-de-sac and the four-hour restrictions on the west end.
- A breakdown of anticipated revenues and expenditures required for each portion of the project.

After discussing the project costs and staff time required, Council directed staff to abandon the BP/ARCO and Sunset Highway portions of the project and proceed with implementing paid parking technology at the Boat Launch in 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

Interim City Manager Bon reviewed the agendas for the October 15 and November 4 meetings. She also noted that the 2020 Council Planning Session will be January 24 and 25, 2020.

Councilmember Absences & Reports

Councilmember Wong spoke about attending the installation of the new Mason Lodge officer with Mayor Bertlin. Mayor Bertlin spoke about the Congregational Church's installation of solar panels. Councilmember Bassett requested that staff work to get old garbage cans picked up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

At 8:09 pm, Mayor Bertlin convened an Executive Session to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately two hours.

At 10:02 pm, Mayor Bertlin adjourned the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Attest:

Deborah Estrada, City Clerk

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor