



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the Regular Hybrid Meeting to order at 5:01 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 Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

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:

- **Accessing City Services:** Reminder how to access City Services through the Customer Service Team.
- **Update on City Hall Closure:** Slater Room renovation continues but will not be ready for the December 5 Meeting. Work continues to get the Municipal Court running to hold Court in January at the City of Newcastle.
- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Upcoming City Council meeting on December 5. Upcoming board and commission meetings: Parks & Recreation Commission on December 4.
- **City Services Updates:** Water System improvements continue in East Seattle neighborhood, update on the 4004 Island Crest Way parcel including landscaping and irrigation work that will happen throughout the remainder of the year, planting season is here the Natural Resources team are on track to plant over 1500 trees in the 2023-2024 planting season, Stormwater and ROW teams have rehabilitated several open conveyance stormwater channels, YFS Healthy Youth Initiative is launching a new social norms campaign this week to support efforts to reduce teen alcohol use.
- **Upcoming Events:** Jazzercise for YFS on Thanksgiving morning at 8am, Holiday Tree lot returns for four weekends this year beginning on November 25, Tree Lighting and Firehouse Munch on Friday, December 1.
- **News:** Bike Skills Area Grand Opening on November 15, congrats to the MIHS Marching Band performing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, MIFD Food Drive collected \$3700 in gift cards and \$3400 in cash donations for the YFS food security program.

APPEARANCES

Will Orndorff, Mercer Island, spoke in support of Mercer Island Country Club's docket request.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6373: November 3, 2023 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the November 3, 2023 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$1,031,180.55 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

A. Check Register | 217694-217735 | 11/3/2023 | \$1,412,345.22

B. Check Register | 217736-217737 | 11/9/2023 | \$2,800.00

C. EFT Payments | October 2023 | \$2,699,125.32

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 November 7, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes of the November 7, 2023 Regular Hybrid Meeting.

AB 6372: Basin 40 Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining Project Phase 1 Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed Basin 40 Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining Project Phase 1 and authorize staff to close out the contract.

AB 6375: An Ordinance Amending MICC Ch. 9.50 (Second Reading Ord. No. 23C-16)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-16, amending MICC Ch. 9.50, Revised Code of Washington State Statutes Incorporated by Reference.

AB 6376: Code Amendments Relating to City Fire Department (Second Reading Ord. No. 23C-17)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 23C-17, amending MICC Ch. 3.32 and 3.30 and Sections 4.40.100 and 3.36.030 relating to City Fire Department references.

AB 6379: 2022 Water System Improvements (Madrona Crest East) Project Closeout

Recommended Action: Accept the completed 2022 Water System Improvements (Madrona Crest East) Project and authorize staff to close out the contract.

Councilmember Jacobson pulled AB 6396: Town Center Parking Plan Adoption. Mayor Nice moved it to the first item of Regular Business

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Weiker to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as amended, and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6369: Town Center Parking Plan Adoption

Councilmember Jacobson spoke against adoption of the Town Center Parking Plan.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Adopt the Town Center Parking Plan as presented in Exhibit 1 to AB 6369.

PASSED: 5-1-1

FOR: 5 (Nice, Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AGAINST: 1 (Jacobson)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Anderl)

AB 6378: Sound Cities Association Voting Delegates for the Annual Meeting and Caucuses Meeting

Mayor Nice spoke about appointing voting delegates for two upcoming Sound Cities Association meetings: the Annual Meeting on December 6 and the Caucuses Meeting on December 13. Mayor Nice asked for volunteers to be the voting delegates.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Appoint Councilmember Weinberg as the voting delegate at the Sound Cities Association Annual Meeting on December 6, 2023

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Anderl to:

Appoint Councilmember Jacobson as the voting delegate at the Sound Cities Association Caucuses Meeting on December 13, 2023.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6377: 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Public Hearing and Budget Adjustment Recommendations

Mayor Nice opened the Public Hearing at 5:27 pm. There being no public comment, Mayor Nice closed the Public Hearing at 5:28 pm.

Finance Director Matt Mornick presented the Q3 2023 Financial status update, discussed budget versus actuals for the General Fund and the Utility Funds, spoke about General Fund revenues, and discussed that General Fund expenditures are on track with budget expectations.

Finance Director Mornick spoke about the Mid-Biennial Budget adjustments, discussed the capital funds that were repurposed due to the City Hall closure, and presented the operating budget adjustments. He discussed the development of a Municipal Facility Replacement Fund to set aside resources for short and long-term facility needs and presented the recommended use of the Opioid Settlement Funds to go to the Healthy Youth Initiative.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the following mid-biennial budget adjustments for inclusion in a budget amending ordinance for adoption on December 5:

- 1. Reduce City Hall-related capital projects in the amount \$1.16 million**
- 2. Appropriate \$300,000 for long-range facility planning**
- 3. Appropriate \$300,000 for Police support facilities**
- 4. Appropriate \$100,000 for public records management**
- 5. Appropriate \$317,928 for WCIA liability insurance**
- 6. Establish a new Municipal Facility Replacement Fund with a funding target of \$10 million**
- 7. Authorize the transfer of \$579,808 of interest earnings from the General Fund to establish the new Municipal Facility Replacement Fund**
- 8. Appropriate Mercer Island's share of Opioid settlement funds to Mercer Island's Healthy Youth Initiative program.**

PASSED: 7-0

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

Finance Director Mornick presented the 2024 Utility Rate adjustments and discussed how the adjustments will be included in the 2024 Master Fee Schedule update scheduled for December 5.

Utility Board Chair Tim O'Connell spoke about the Utility Boards recommendation on the 2024 Utility Rate adjustments. City Council thanked Utility Board Chair O'Connell for the work that the Utility Board does.

Finance Director Mornick presented the 2024 Property Tax levies that assume the 1% increase in 2023 for the Regular levy and the 2022 Parks Operations and Maintenance levy lid lift, discussed the declaration of intent to seek reimbursement, and spoke about the 20204 NORCOM budget.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 23-18, establishing the dollar amount and percentage increases of the regular

Property Tax levy and the levy lid lifts for fiscal year 2024.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 23-19, appropriating funds and establishing the amount of Property Taxes to be levied for fiscal year 2024.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1652, appointing the City Manager for the purpose of designating certain expenditures for reimbursement from bonds that may be authorized and approved by the City for issuance in the future.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Reynolds to:

Adopt Resolution No. 1653, approving NORCOM's 2024 budget allocation from the City of Mercer Island.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the December 5 and January 2, 2024 meetings.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Reynolds noted that the Bike Skills Area Opening was a great event and thanked staff and community volunteers.

Councilmember Weiker congratulated the MIHS Band on being the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

Councilmember Weinberg also congratulated the MIHS Band(Go, Islanders go!)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:14 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and 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).

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 8:28 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk