



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MARCH 05, 2024

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 Jake Jacobson, Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in the Slater Room Council Chambers. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Wendy Weiker joined via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Amend the agenda to include a letter to the Mercer Island community related to the outcomes of the Planning Session and add this item to the end of Regular Business, and approve the agenda as amended.

PASSED: 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** Next City Council meeting is March 19. Upcoming Board and Commission Meetings: Parks & Recreation Commission on March 7.
- **Update on City Hall Transitions:** Two MIPD modular buildings are being installed in the City Hall parking lot.
- **City Services Updates:** Sewer Basin 40 project is making great progress and completed is anticipated at the beginning of April. Island Crest Park Athletic Field turf replacement has faced some delays and will be finished as weather allows this week. The Utility Billing Team has been busy processing Business & Occupation Tax payments. I-90 lane closure has been delayed to March 15-17.
- **Upcoming Events:** Artist Reception at MICEC on March 7, Community Coffee celebrates Spring on March 19.
- **News:** The Senior Resource Fair was held at the MICEC on March 2 and was a success!

APPEARANCES

Andrea Kristof, Mercer Island, spoke about the Advanced Metering Infrastructure data collection system.

Will Orndorff, Mercer Island, thanked the City Council for the actions taken at Planning Session regarding interim regulations and additional support for CPD.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6423: February 23, 2024 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the February 23, 2024 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$828,468.66 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

Certification of Claims:

- A. Check Register | 218778-218857 | 2/16/24 | \$1,765,176.36**
- B. Check Register | 218858-218910 | 2/23/24 | \$1,352,944.78**

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 Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024.

AB 6424: Open Space Conservancy Trust Annual Report

Recommended Action: Accept the 2023 Open Space Conservancy Trust Annual Report and the 2024 Work Plan.

AB6425: Telecommunications Lease Renewal with Crown Castle

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal telecommunications lease with Crown Castle substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to this Agenda Bill.

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 6426: Park Area Naming Policy

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly presented the Park Area Naming Policy and spoke about how the policy was developed. He reviewed the qualifying and the disqualifying criteria included in the policy and how the policy would be applied to each request.

Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Peter Struck spoke about the Parks & Recreation Commission review of the policy, process, and recommendation of the policy.

City Council discussed the policy and asked questions.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Jacobson to:

Adopt the Park Area Naming Policy excluding the provision regarding re-naming.

FAILED: 3-4

FOR: 3 (Anderl, Jacobson, and Nice)

AGAINST: 4 (Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the Park Area Naming Policy substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1.

PASSED: 5-2

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

AGAINST: 2 (Anderl and Jacobson)

AB 6427: Recreation Sponsorship Policy

Recreation Programs Supervisor Katie Herzog presented the Recreation Sponsorship Policy. She spoke

about what qualifies as a sponsor and how the policy was developed. She discussed the sponsorship opportunities that have been identified by the Recreation division, the qualifying and disqualifying criteria included in the policy, and discussed the selection criteria.

Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Peter Struck spoke about the Parks & Recreation Commission review, process, and recommendation of the policy.

City Council discussed the policy and asked questions.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Recreation Sponsorship Policy substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to this Agenda Bill.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Jacobson to:

Amend policy to remove the word “past” from subsection 4.0.C.

Motion to amend PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Jacobson to:

Amend policy to strike the word “alcohol” from subsection 4.0.F.

Motion to amend FAILED: 3-4

FOR: 3 (Anderl, Jacobson, and Rosenbaum)

AGAINST: 4 (Nice, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Nice to:

Amend subsection 4.0.F to change the second word from “sponsor” to “sponsorship(s)”.

Motion to amend PASSED: 7-0

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

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED: 4-3

FOR: 4 (Reynolds, Rosenbaum, Weiker, and Weinberg)

AGAINST: 3 (Anderl, Jacobson, and Nice)

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Anderl to:

Authorize the City Manager to review the Recreation Sponsorship Policy that was adopted for the addition of non-discrimination language.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AB 6422: Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Data Collector System

Public Works Deputy Director Alaine Sommargren presented an overview of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) data collector system, spoke about how AMI works, and discussed how the AMI system operates. She discussed water loss and how the City must report unaccounted water loss each year, spoke about the project timeline and project cost. Deputy Director Sommargren discussed the data collection stations, what they are and what they do, the elements that each station would consist of, and spoke about the options for mounting. She spoke about what a propagation study is, presented the results from the 2021 propagation study, and the results of the 2024 propagation study that was requested with new parameters to keep mounting lower than 50' and to use any pole in the City right-of-way. She discussed the differences between the two design options presented in the propagation design studies and spoke about a third option that could be explored of small wireless facilities. She noted that there are many unknowns with this option and it would require a new propagation study. Deputy Director Sommargren discussed next steps in this project.

City Council discussed the proposed options, asked questions, and provided feedback to staff.

No AB: Letter to Mercer Island Community Related to Outcomes of the Planning Session

Mayor Nice read a letter to the community related to the outcomes of the Planning Session into the record.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the letter to the community related to the outcomes of the City Council Planning session, as presented and discussed, and direct the City Manager to disseminate it across Citywide communication channels.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the March 19 Regular Meeting and about the Joint Meeting with the Mercer Island School Board on March 21.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Reynolds noted a reminder that next Tuesday is election day.

Councilmember Jacobson noted that on Friday there is an Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting in which they have asked each City to identify their transportation priorities.

City Council was in recess from 7:18pm – 7:34pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:34 pm, Mayor Nice convened an Executive Session in Room 104 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA and via Microsoft Teams. The Executive Session was:

- 1) 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),
- 2) For planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the City Council during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). and
- 3) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(f).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Jake Jacobson Craig Reynolds, and Ted Weinberg participated in person in Room 104. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Wendy Weiker joined via Microsoft Teams.

Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 8:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk