



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6435  
March 19, 2024  
Regular Business**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6435: 2025-2026 City Council Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve the 2025-2026 City Council Priorities.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager		
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<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	n/a		
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a		

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This agenda bill to set the 2025-2026 City Council Priorities which will guide budget planning and decision-making for the next biennium.

**BACKGROUND**

On Friday, March 1, 2024, the City Council held its annual Planning Session and discussed the priorities for the 2025-2026 biennium ([AB 6418](#)). Councilmembers were encouraged to submit suggestions for 2025-2026 priorities in advance of the Planning Session and the suggestions were compiled as Exhibit 1 to AB 6418.

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

At the Planning Session, Councilmembers discussed the proposed priorities and reviewed the current priorities. Per City Council direction the following priorities are presented for the City Council’s review:

***2025-2026 City Council Priorities***

*The City of Mercer Island provides outstanding municipal services that enhance and protect the environment, the quality of life, and our community’s health, safety, and welfare. We engage with the community on issues of importance to listen, instill trust, and promote sound decision-making.*

*We strive to create and maintain an environmentally sustainable and inclusive community that is safe and supportive for current and future generations.*

*In the 2025-2026 biennium, we will continue to ~~restore~~ provide city services with fiscal sustainability while focusing on the government's effectiveness and efficiency, and the following priorities:*

- Priority 1 Engage the qualified expertise necessary to provide the guidance to enable the development of a comprehensive long-range plan for Town Center which recognizes, addresses, and balances business, housing, and parking uses.*
- Priority 2 Sustain and enhance our natural environment, especially parks and open spaces, to benefit this generation and others that follow.*
- Priority 3 Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.*
- Priority 4 Focus efforts and actions to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable, connected, and diverse community.*

At Tuesday's meeting, staff are seeking the Council's approval of the draft 2025-2026 City Council Priorities.

Included in the priorities above is the preamble from the 2023-2024 priorities with one word change. Staff are seeking City Council feedback regarding whether to include the preamble in the 2025-2026 priorities and seeking the Council's approval of the draft 2025-2026 City Council Priorities.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Once the 2025-2026 City Council Priorities have been adopted, they will be incorporated into the 2025-2026 budget as the guiding principles for planning and decision-making for the next biennium.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt the 2025-2026 City Council Priorities.