



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5661
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Regular Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5661: Review and Approve the 2020-2021 City Council Priorities and Confirm Additional Work Items.	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Adopt the 2020-2021 City Council Priorities and confirm the list of additional work items.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, Interim City Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. 2020 City Council Planning Session – Additional Work Items 2. Department Work Plans 3. High Visibility Work Plan Items
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

On Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25, 2020, the City Council held its annual Planning Session at the Mercer Island Community Center. The Council Planning Session agenda and packet are available at: www.mercergov.org/councilmeetings (click on “Agenda” for 1/24/2020).

2020-2021 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

One of the key outcomes from the Planning Session was to draft priorities for the upcoming year. The priorities are intended to guide planning and decision-making through the year and into the next biennium. This includes working towards desired outcomes on a wide range of major projects, new activities, and ongoing work plan items. The proposed Council Priorities as drafted at the City Council Planning Session are as follows:

- Priority 1. Prepare for the impacts of growth and change
- Priority 2. Articulate, confirm, and communicate a vision for effective and efficient city services. Stabilize the organization, optimize resources, and develop a long-term plan for fiscal sustainability
- Priority 3. Implement an economic development program

Although not formalized as a separate priority, the City Council emphasized that both communications and environmental sustainability should be a foundational component of all City actions.

NEW WORK PLAN ITEMS (2020 AND BEYOND)

The City Council also spent time working through a decision card process, resulting in the prioritization of a number of new work items, see Exhibit 1. The four items listed at the bottom of Exhibit 1 were identified during the discussion on the Rules of Procedure and included for continuity.

The City Manager is currently working with the City staff to assess and evaluate each of the new work items. If needed, work items will be brought back to the City Council for further scoping and an implementation discussion. In some cases, implementation of a new work item will require additional resources and an accompanying budget appropriation.

2020-2021 DEPARTMENT WORK PLANS

Each Department prepared a 2020-2021 Work Plan for review and a brief discussion at the Planning Session. The Department Work Plans were revised to reflect the priorities identified by the City Council (see Exhibit 2). The new work items requested by the City Council were incorporated into the documents and most are still noted as “pending further scoping and evaluation.” High Visibility work plan items were included in a three-year graphic (see Exhibit 3).

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the 2020-2021 City Council Priorities and confirm the list of additional work plan items.