



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MAY 6, 2025

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### 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 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:05 pm), and Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmember Craig Reynolds attended via Zoom.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg to:

**Approve the agenda as presented.**

PASSED: 5-0

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

ABSENT: 1 (Weiker)

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:** City Council Meeting on May 20 at 5:00 pm, Utility Board on May 13 at 5:00 pm.
- **City Services Updates:**
  - The annual Advisory Board & Commission recruitment is open through May 9.
  - MIPD, in partnership with regional partners, is investigating the recent burglary on East Mercer Way.
  - The Town Center Parking facility is under construction and progressing well. The project is on track to be substantially completed by the end of June. Landscaping work will be completed in the fall.
  - Reinvestment work on the City's two 4-million-gallon water reservoirs continues. The interior work on the south reservoir has been completed and the tank has been undergoing cleaning and disinfection. The tank is being refilled and will be placed back in service later this month. The work on the exterior and roof of the south reservoir is expected to be substantially completed later this summer.
  - Deane's Children's Park community online survey is open through May 12.
  - Staff are working on turf repairs throughout the Island due to damage from predators digging for European chafer beetles.
  - MIPD teamed up with Islander Middle School to host two assemblies focused on bike and e-bike safety in April.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Paws on Patrol – On Tuesday, May 20 at 5:00 pm at Rotary Park interested community members and their pups are invited for a Paws on Patrol meeting and training.
- **News:**
  - Family movie night at MICEC continues to be a great success, with the last movie night having approximately 70 attendees!
  - It's Municipal Clerks Week – Thank you City Clerk Andrea Larson and Deputy City Clerk Deb Estrada for your dedication to the clerk profession and the City of Mercer Island.

## **APPEARANCES**

Nicole Bernardi, Mercer Island, spoke about traffic concerns on West Mercer Way.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **AB 6668: April 10, 2025 Payroll Certification**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the April 10, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$931,886.09 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

### **AB 6669: April 25, 2025 Payroll Certification**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the April 25, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$975,101.89 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

### **AB 6670: Certification for Claims Paid March 16, 2025 through March 31, 2025**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the March 16, 2025 through March 31, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$2,124,054.87 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

### **City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025.

### **AB 6671: Affordable Housing Week, Proclamation No. 358**

**Recommended Actions:** Approve Proclamation No. 358 proclaiming May 12-16, 2025, as Affordable Housing Week on Mercer Island.

### **AB 6654: Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month, Proclamation No. 355**

**Recommended Action:** Approve Proclamation No. 355 Proclaiming April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month on Mercer Island.

### **AB 6672: City Code Update regarding Utility Billing Policies (Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25C-09) and adoption of Utility Billing Manual (Resolution No. 1675)**

**Recommended Action:**

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-09 updating Section 15.12.010 of the Mercer Island City Code related to billing procedures.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 1675 updating utility billing policies and procedures.

### **AB 6673: Process and Timeline for Filling Vacant City Council Position No. 7**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the proposed process and timeline for filling Position No. 7 on the Mercer Island City Council and direct the City Manager to initiate the recruitment process.

### **AB 6678: Town Center Parking Regulations (Resolution No. 1676 and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25C-03)**

**Recommended Action:**

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-03 amending Town Center Parking Regulations in Title 10 of the Mercer Island City Code.
2. Approve Resolution No. 1676 adopting the Revised 2025 Fee Schedule, effective June 30, 2025.

**AB 6689: Joint Letter to FEMA in Support of the Appeal of the Denial of the Washington State Major Disaster Declaration in response to the November 2024 Bomb Cyclone**

**Recommended Action:** Authorize Mayor Nice to sign the Joint Letter to Governor Ferguson, in support of an appeal of the denial for the Major Disaster Declaration in response to the November 2024 bomb cyclone.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

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

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**AB 6674: Puget Sound Regional Council (PRSC) General Assembly Voting Delegate**

Mayor Nice asked if anyone is planning to attend the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly Meeting on May 22, 2025.

Councilmember Weinberg volunteered to attend the meeting and act as the voting delegate.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weiker to:

**Appoint Councilmember Weinberg as the voting delegate at the PSRC General Assembly on May 22, 2025.**

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

**AB 6675: Public Hearing for Ordinance to Renew Interim Regulations for Temporary Uses and Structures Including Outdoor Dining**

Mayor Nice opened the Public Hearing at 5:18 pm. There were no public comments, and Mayor Nice closed the Public Hearing at 5:18 pm.

CPD Director Jeff Thomas reviewed the timeline for development of the permanent regulations related to temporary uses and structures that are currently under review by the Planning Commission.

Senior Planner Molly McGuire discussed the background of the interim regulations related to temporary uses and structures, the need to renew the interim regulations due to change in the Planning Commission schedule due to inclement weather and scheduling conflicts to avoid a lapse in the interim regulations while the permanent regulations are under review. She spoke about the amendments included in the interim regulations that include temporary uses and structures, and regulations regarding outdoor dining.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weiker to:

**Schedule a second reading of Ordinance No. 25C-07 for May 20, 2025.**

PASSED: 6-0

FOR: 6 (Anderl, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

**AB 6676: Public Hearing for Ordinance to Renew Interim Residential Parking Regulations Responsive to SB 6015**

Mayor Nice opened the Public Hearing at 5:22 pm. There were no public comments, and Mayor Nice closed the Public Hearing at 5:23 pm.

CPD Director Jeff Thomas summarized the upcoming work on the CPD Work Plan that is related to this item and development of permanent regulations later this year.

Senior Planner Molly McGuire discussed the background on the interim regulations related to residential parking regulations in response to SB 6015 from the 2024 WA State Legislative session. She spoke about the requirements in SB 6015 and the amendments that were needed to comply.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:  
**Schedule a second reading of Ordinance No. 25C-08 for May 20, 2025.**  
PASSED: 6-0  
FOR: 6 (Anderl, Nice, Rosenbaum, Reynolds, Weiker, and Weinberg)

City Council was in recess from 5:26 pm – 5:43 pm.

### **AB 6677: Public Safety and Maintenance Facility Design Choices**

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the purpose of the presentation tonight seeking direction from the City Council on what design choices to include in the final schematic design of the Public Safety and Maintenance (PSM) Facility.

Aaron Young, with Northwest Studio, provided a background of the initial planning of the PSM Facility. He discussed the options for solar power generation on the site and the associated system costs and operations energy savings for each option.

Tony Marino, with PAE Engineers, spoke about the estimated energy usage and energy costs associated with the different solar options.

Mr. Young discussed the options for emergency potable water storage and non-potable water storage systems, the associated system costs, and operational benefits of each system.

Mr. Marino spoke about rainwater collection and reuse, and about the sizing of the cistern for non-potable water for the PSM Facility.

Management Analyst Robbie Cunningham Adams spoke about the next steps for approval of the schematic design of the PSM Facility.

City Council discussed the PSM and asked questions of the Design Team and provided feedback on the design alternatives.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Planning Schedule**

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the May 20 and June 3 City Council Meetings

#### **Councilmember Absences and Reports**

Councilmember Weinberg. Noted that his next monthly open lunch is on May 18 at Pogacha.  
Councilmember Reynolds noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission met.

City Council was in recess from 6:53 pm – 7:13 pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:13 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.

Executive Session 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), and to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Salim Nice, Deputy Mayor Dave Rosenbaum, and Councilmembers Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg

participated in person. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl and Craig Reynolds participated via Microsoft Teams.  
Mayor Nice adjourned the Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Attest:

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Salim Nice, Mayor

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk