



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL VIDEO MEETING JANUARY 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Salim Nice called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Jake Jacobson, Salim Nice, Craig Reynolds, David Rosenbaum, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg participated remotely using Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Jacobson delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1616 Acknowledging and Commending Wendy Weiker's Service as Deputy Mayor

Mayor Salim Nice read Resolution No. 1616 thanking Councilmember Weiker for her service to the Mercer Island community as Deputy Mayor in 2020 and 2021.

It was moved by Jacobson; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Pass Resolution No. 1616 Acknowledging and Commending Wendy Weiker's Service as Deputy Mayor.

PASSED: 7-0

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Jacobson to:

Approve the agenda.

Passed 7-0

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

STUDY SESSION

AB 6001: Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Final Draft Parks & Recreation Commission Hand-Off to City Council

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission, introduced the PROS Plan Final draft to the City Council and explained the process for the evening. Sr. Management Analyst Merrill Thomas-Schadt, spoke about the purpose of a PROS Plan is and why it is necessary for Mercer Island to have one. She also provided an overview of the development process that staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission went through to produce the final draft PROS Plan.

The City's consultant, Steve Du from Conservation Techniques spoke about the public engagement process, including two community-wide surveys and two virtual open houses. Mr. Du also discussed how the feedback that was received from the community engagement process was incorporated into the PROS Plan. Chief of Operations Kintner also provided an overview of the next steps in the process for the PROS Plan.

Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Jodi McCarthy thanked Councilmember Jacobson as Council Liaison and past Commissioners Lynn Gualtieri and Amy Richter for their work on the PROS Plan. Chair McCarthy

gave a summary of the Commission's process in developing and reviewing the PROS Plan to find a balance for all parks users. She also spoke about concerns the Commission has regarding the docks at Luther Burbank, Groveland, and Clark Beaches, playground equipment that is nearing the end of the useful life, and on improving accessibility in parks and bringing parks into ADA compliance. Commissioner Peter Struck shared his observations of the process that was used for the PROS Plan.

Council thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission, the consultant, and staff for their work on the PROS Plan. Council asked questions of staff and Commissioners regarding the Plan and development process.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Acting City Manager Spietz reported on the following items:

- Upcoming Council, Board, and Commission Meetings
- Board and Commissions Vacancies
- "Beyond the Bin" Styrofoam Recycling Event
- Recology Service Disruption
- Winter Parks Operations and Upkeep
- Upcoming Community Conversations Event
- Naming of Riley Cove

APPEARANCES

Sue Stewart - Mercer Island, spoke as President of Friends of Luther Burbank Park and expressed concern about Bike Skills Area as the Parks & Recreation Commission stated they are not sure Upper Luther Burbank Park is the right location. She stated that the Bike Skills area must be "low impact" in order for Friends of Luther Burbank Park to support it.

Carolyn Boatsman - Mercer Island, stated that she appreciates that the draft PROS in the 20-Year Capital Facilities plan notes that improvements to the bike skills area will be limited to the current footprint, but is concerned about it expanding. She is glad that further consideration will be given as to whether Upper Luther Burbank is a suitable location for mountain biking.

CONSENT AGENDA

Certification of Claims

- A. Check Register 210185-210276 | 12/29/2021 | \$422,754.40**
- B. Check Register 210279-210378 | 1/7/2022 | \$1,467,942.67**
- C. EFT Payments December 2021 | \$2,995,648.58**

Recommendation 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 January 4, 2022

Recommended Action: Adopt the City Council Special Video Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2022 as presented.

AB 6003: Lincoln Landing Shoreline and Stormwater Enhancement Project Bid Award

Recommended Action:

1. Award Bid No. 21-26 to OMA Construction, Inc. a Washington-based company,
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with OMA Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$431,702.10; and
3. Appropriate \$138,100.00 from 2021 savings within the Sewer Capital Program to fund the installation of an access manhole in the City's Sewer Lake Line.

AB 6005: 2022 City Council Liaison Assignments

Recommended Action: No action necessary.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6006: Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 21C-25, Establishing Interim Development Regulations to Allow More Outdoor Seating for Eating and Drinking Establishments

Mayor Nice opened the public hearing at 6:16 pm.

Joe Kennedy - Mercer Island, thanked the Council for allowing him to use the parking outside of his business, Barrels. He also spoke about using tents temporarily and asked about the ownership of the parking in front of the Boyd building.

There being no further comments, Mayor Nice closed the public hearing at 6:21 pm.

Economic Development Coordinator Sarah Bluvas provided an update to the work plan for permanent regulations for more outdoor seating for eating and drinking establishments.

AB 5998: City Council Meeting Start Time Amendment (Ord. No. 22C-01)

Chief of Administration Ali Spietz presented an ordinance to extend the 5:00 pm start time of Regular City Council Meetings through December 21, 2022 as City Council meetings may continue to be held remotely until it is determined by public health officials and the City Council that it is safe to resume in-person meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was moved by Andrei; seconded by Weinberg to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 22C-01 amending MICC 2.06.010 to extend the 5:00 pm start time of Regular Meetings of the City Council until December 31, 2022.

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

Acting City Manager Spietz noted that the 2022 City Council Planning Session is scheduled from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on March 26, 2022.

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Andrei noted the federal website for ordering COVID test kits is now up.

Councilmember Jacobson noted that the January ETP meeting was canceled.

Mayor Nice read his proposed testimony to the State Legislature for HB 1770, to which the Council agreed.

Councilmember Reynolds spoke about EV charging and Cool Streets projects that the City may be interested in to securing some early funding for the region coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Salim Nice, Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk