



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MARCH 18, 2025

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 (arrived 5:04 pm), and Councilmember Ted Weinberg attended in person. Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Craig Reynolds, and Wendy Weiker (arrived 5:01 pm) attended via Zoom. Councilmember Jake Jacobson was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 4-0

FOR: 4 (Anderl, Nice, Reynolds, and Weinberg)

ABSENT: 3 (Jacobson, Rosenbaum, Weiker)

APPEARANCES

John Hamer, Mercer Island, spoke about accessible parks and playgrounds.

Victory Raisys, Mercer Island, spoke about Town Center Parking.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6644: February 25, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the February 25, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$942,349.15 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6645: March 10, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the March 10, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$923,800.94 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6650: Certification for Claims Paid February 1, 2025 through February 15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the February 1, 2025 through February 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$3,839,792.50 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025.

AB 6643: Deaccession/Removal of "Downtown Streetscapes: Street Name Inlays" Public Art

Installation

Recommended Actions: Approve deaccession/removal of the “Downtown Streetscapes: Street Name Inlays” public art installation in Town Center.

AB 6646: Interim Regulations in MICC 19.16.010 Related to Emergency Shelters and Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing (Second Reading, Ordinance No. 25C-05)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-05 establishing interim development regulations in MICC 19.16.010 related to Emergency Shelters and Housing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing, with an effective date of April 2, 2025.

AB 6647: Interim Regulations Related to Unit Lot Subdivisions (SB 5258) in Title 19 MICC (Second Reading, Ordinance No. 25C-06)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-06 establishing interim development regulations in MICC Chapter 19.08 related to Unit Lot Subdivision in MICC Chapter 19.08, with an effective date of June 30, 2025.

AB 6648: ARCH Housing Trust Fund Project Approvals

Recommended Action: Approve the use of \$52,400 from the City’s contributions to the ARCH Housing Trust Fund as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board and authorize execution of any related agreements and documents.

AB 6649: 2024 Countywide Planning Policy Amendments

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 1672 ratifying amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weinberg 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)

ABSENT: 1 (Jacobson)

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6603: Town Center Parking Regulations Discussion

City Manager Jessi Bon spoke about the purpose of the presentation to seek City Council feedback on the approach to on-street parking and on parking regulations at the new Town Center Parking Area at the former Tully’s site.

Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden spoke about the background of Town Center parking including the adoption of the Town Center Parking Plan in November of 2023, the City Council direction in July 2024 to implement a system for 2-hours of free parking, the increase in the parking citation fee and sunset of the Town Center Commuter Parking Permit Program through the adoption of Ordinance No. 24C-14 in September 2024 that went into effect in January 2025. She discussed the construction that began in February 2025 of the new Town Center Parking Area, parking enforcement in Town Center, the anticipated impact of the Sound Transit Light Rail opening in December 2025, and the results of the quarterly parking occupancy counts at the Mercer Island Park & Ride.

Management Analyst Tjaden spoke about the on-street parking available in Town Center, the proposed on-street parking system, and how parking enforcement would change with this system. She discussed the proposed parking regulations for the new Town Center Parking Area, and next steps following City Council direction that is received.

City Council discussed the parking regulations and provided feedback.

City Council directed staff to implement the following parking regulations:

- On-street Parking – 2-hours free parking Mondays - Saturdays, using an app, with hours of enforcement of 8:00 am – 10:00 pm.
- Town Center Parking Area – paid parking 7-days of the week, using an app, \$2.50/hour with a \$12.50/day maximum, with hours of enforcement of 8:00 am – 10:00 pm.

AB 6635: 2025 Legislative Session Update

Management Analyst Robbie Cunningham Adam spoke about the 2025 Legislative Session, the City's 2025 Legislative Priorities, the City's engagement in the 2025 Legislative Session, and the new 41st District Representative Janice Zahn. He discussed the projected Washington State budget deficit, the potential cuts to the Public Works Assistance Account, and the potential effect on the City's sole funding ask to support construction costs for the emergency replacement of the water supply line. Management Analyst Cunningham Adams spoke about key bills that the City has been tracking this session including bills on Public Safety, Housing and Land Use, and Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention.

City Council discussed the Legislative Session and asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Weiker left at 6:25 pm.

City Council was in recess from 6:25 pm – 6:30 pm.

AB 6641: Scope of Work for Deane's Children's Park Site Plan

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner provided an overview and background information for the project at Deane's Children's Park including updates to the site plan to improve circulation and to modernize the park area to meet universal play standards. He spoke about the restroom and picnic shelter replacement, parking, and other potential improvements.

Chief of Operations Kintner discussed the community engagement process, anticipated project timeline, and funding strategy for the project.

City Council discussed the proposal and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the scope of work and community engagement plan for the Deane's Children's Park Site Plan and direct the City Manager to commence the planning work.

PASSED: 5-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Jacobson and Weiker)

AB 6642: Scope of Work for Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks Joint Infrastructure Plan

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner provided an overview and background information for the Clark and Groveland Beach Parks Joint Infrastructure Plan that will prioritize repair and replacement of the overwater structures and shorelines for capital reinvestment first. He spoke about the challenges of renovating the waterfront and the community engagement process.

Chief of Operations Kintner spoke about the current structural condition assessments for both Clark and Groveland Park beaches, the geotechnical data that has been collected, the permitting requirements, and the anticipated project timeline.

City Council discussed the proposal and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the scope of work and community engagement plan for the Clarke and Groveland Beach

Parks Joint Infrastructure Plan and direct the City Manager to commence the planning work.

PASSED: 5-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Jacobson and Weiker)

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Absences and Reports

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Anderl to:

Excuse Councilmember Jacobson's absence from tonight's meeting.

PASSED: 5-0

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

ABSENT: 2 (Jacobson and Weiker)

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum noted that he and Councilmember Weinberg attended the Chamber of Commerce Coffee, and that there was a SCA PIC meeting last week.

Councilmember Weinberg noted that he and Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum attended the Chamber of Commerce Coffee, that there was an EPT meeting, and that his next monthly open lunch is on April 19 at Valhalla Sandwiches at 10am.

Councilmember Reynolds noted that there is a meeting with the state representatives on Saturday at Bellevue College.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Attest:

Salim Nice, Mayor

Andrea Larson, City Clerk