



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 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, and Councilmembers Lisa Anderl, Julie Hsieh, Craig Reynolds, Wendy Weiker, and Ted Weinberg attended in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Rosenbaum to:

Approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED: 7-0

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

AB 6828: Oath of Office for Councilmember Julie Hsieh

City Clerk Andrea Larson administered the oath of office to Councilmember Julie Hsieh.

City Council was in recess from 5:03 – 5:07 pm.

AB 6829: Recognition of Salim Nice's Service on the Mercer Island City Council (Resolution No. 1687)

Deputy Mayor David Rosenbaum spoke about Mayor Salim Nice's eight and a half years of service on the Mercer Island City Council. He noted that Mayor Nice will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to the community, his joy in celebrating community efforts and events, and fulfilling his mayoral duties with passion and grace.

Deputy Mayor Rosenbaum presented Mayor Nice with a plaque and signed copy of Resolution No. 1687 commemorating Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island community.

City Council thanked Mayor Nice for his service to the City and the community.

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Anderl to:

Approve Resolution No. 1687 acknowledging and commending Salim Nice's service on the Mercer Island City Council and his contributions to the Mercer Island community.

PASSED: 6-0

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

ABSTAIN: 1 (Nice)

City Council was in recess from 5:24 – 5:27 pm.

CLOSED RECORD HEARING

AB 6827: Rezone (RZN25-001) for Two City-Owned Properties Located at 9601 and 9611 SE 36th St (Ordinance No. 25C-29)

CPD Director Jeff Thomas introduced the staff team and provided an overview of the materials included in the agenda bill.

Mayor Nice spoke about the quasi-judicial process for the rezone of two City-owned properties located at 9601 and 9611 SE 36th Street.

Appearance of Fairness Questions

City Attorney Bio Park asked the following Appearances of Fairness questions of all Councilmembers:

1. Do you have any interest in the property or the application, or own property within 300 feet of the property subject to the proposal?
2. Does your employer have an interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of this proceeding?
3. Is there any prospective employment for you or a member of your family as a result of the outcome of this proceeding?
4. Do you have any familial, social, or business relationships or connections with any of the parties or non-parties who have an interest in the outcome of this proceeding?
5. Do you stand to gain or lose any financial benefit as a result of the outcome of this proceeding?
6. Have you engaged in any ex parte communications with either proponents or opponents of the proposal?
7. Can you review and consider the proposal in a fair and objective manner?

Opportunity for Challenges

There were no challenges raised.

Presentation from City

Senior Planner Molly McGuire presented an overview of the application to rezone two city-owned parcels and the recommendation before City Council for consideration. She spoke about the criteria in MICC 19.15.240 that need to be met in order to approve a rezone and the process for discussion and deliberation. Senior Planner McGuire provided an overview of the information that is included in the record and can be considered during discussion and deliberation and the recommended actions.

City Council Deliberations

City Attorney Park explained the process for City Council deliberations.

City Council asked questions of staff and discussed the proposal.

It was moved by Rosenbaum; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt the Planning Commission's findings and recommendation to approve RZN25-001.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Suspend City Council Rules of Procedure 6.3 requiring a second reading of Ordinance No. 25C-29 .

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weiker to:

Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-29 to reclassify the City Hall and Public Works properties from Commercial Office and Single-Family Residential to Public Institution.

PASSED: 7-0

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Jessi Bon reported on the following items:

- **Council, Boards & Commission Meetings:**
 - City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 6 at 5:00 pm
 - City Council Planning Session on Friday, January 16 at 9:30 am
- **City Updates:**
 - Watercourse Restoration Update – The City is currently overing seeing several watercourse restoration projects focused on stabilizing stream banks, reducing erosion, and enhancing aquatic habitats.
 - Water Pipeline Replacement – The City will be replacing a significant portion of the Seattle Public Utilities 24-inch water supply pipeline on a new alignment along SE 36th Street and Gallagher Hill Road. The design work is nearly two-thirds complete and construction is anticipated to begin in Q1 2026.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Holiday Tree Lighting: December 5 at 5:30 pm at Mercerdale
 - Community Holiday Party: December 19 at 6:00-8:30 pm at Mercer Island Community & Event Center
 - Argosy Christmas Ship: December 19 at 8:30-9:00 pm at Luther Burbank Park
 - First Friday Art Walk: December 5 at 5:00 – 8:00 pm in Town Center
 - Holiday Makers Market: December 6 at 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Mercer Island Community & Event Center
- **News:**
 - MIPD Detective Chase Erickson visited a local preschool to share insights into the role of a police detective
 - No Resident Left Hungry – YFS and volunteers from the Mercer Island Chinese Association joined the Hopelink mobile food market last month to provide additional food to participants ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. YFS will again join Hopelink on December 17 to provide similar holiday food staples.

APPEARANCES

Addie Smith spoke about being a hate crime survivor.

Mar Brettman (Mercer Island) spoke about Flock cameras.

Kian Bradley (Mercer Island) spoke about Flock cameras.

Eric Dubofsky (Mercer Island) spoke about Flock cameras.

Olivia Lippens (Mercer Island) spoke Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island community.

Ashley Hay (Mercer Island) spoke about Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island Community.

Daniel Thompson (Mercer Island) spoke about Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island community.

Victor Raisys (Mercer Island) spoke about Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island community.

Sarah Karim (Mercer Island) thanked Mayor Nice for his service and spoke about Flock cameras.

Tom Acker (Mercer Island) spoke about Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island Community.

Sarah Smith (Mercer Island) spoke about Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island Community.

Mike Cero (Mercer Island) spoke about Mayor Nice's service to the Mercer Island Community.

CONSENT AGENDA

AB 6821: November 25, 2025 Payroll Certification

Recommended Action: Approve the November 25, 2025 Payroll Certification in the amount of \$992,406.48 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

AB 6822: Certification for Claims Paid October 31, 2025 through November 15, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve the October 31, 2025 through November 15, 2025 Accounts Payable Certification of Claims in the amount of \$5,431,244.12 and authorize the Mayor to sign the certification on behalf of the entire City Council.

City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025.

Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025.

AB 6823: Amendments to the Historical Designation Criteria in MICC 16.01.030 to Comply with HB 1576 (Ordinance No. 25C-28 Second Reading)

Recommended Actions: Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-28 related to historical designation criteria in MICC 16.01.030.

AB 6824: 2026 Fee Schedule Adoption

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 1685 adopting the 2026 Fee Schedule.

AB 6825: Code Amendments to Chapter 10.22 MICC Impounding (Ordinance No. 25C-32)

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25C-32, amending Title 10 of the Mercer Island City Code, as presented in Exhibit 1.

AB 6826: Seattle Public Utilities Water Supply Contract Amendment

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the amended Seattle Public Utilities Water Supply Contract, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to this AB, and to execute future technical non-substantive amendments to the Contract deemed by the City Manager to be in the best interest of the City.

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, and the recommendations contained therein.

PASSED: 7-0

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 6830: Police Technology Upgrades

Management Analyst Carson Hornsby provided an update on technology needs identified in the 2025-2026 Police Workplan. He discussed the proposal for body-worn cameras and noted staff will comeback to the City Council in 2026 to discuss the potential costs.

Management Analyst Hornsby spoke about the current challenges with the current in-car digital video recording system, the acquisition and outfitting of the new Police vehicles, and the staff recommendation to complete the upgrade of this work before the end of the year. He spoke about the proposed acquisition of a new digital evidence management system that will integrate with the proposed new in-car digital recording system and enhance efficiencies within the department. He also spoke about the failure of the City's current automated parking enforcement systems making current parking enforcement a manual process and that staff will return to the City Council in 2026 with a proposal for this equipment.

Management Analyst Hornsby presented the City Manager's recommendation to pause the Flock Pilot Program and reappropriate the funds to replace the in-car digital recording system. He spoke about the staff recommendations, the budgetary impacts, and next steps if the proposals are approved.

City Council discussed the proposals and asked questions of staff.

It was moved by Weiker; seconded by Reynolds to:

Place the Flock Pilot Program on hold and re-appropriate \$15,000 to replace the police in-car camera systems.

PASSED: 7-0

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

It was moved by Anderl; seconded by Weiker to:

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contractual service agreement to procure an in-car DVR system and a digital evidence management system and appropriate \$85,710 from the police in-car camera replacement reserve in the Technology and Equipment Fund (330).

PASSED: 7-0

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Schedule

It was moved by Hsieh; seconded by Weinberg to:

Cancel the December 16, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

PASSED: 7-0

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

Councilmember Absences and Reports

Councilmember Weiker will be absent on February 3, 2026.

Councilmember Weiker noted that AWC Action Days is January 21 and 22 and that AWC Elected Officials Essentials Training is on December 6.

Councilmember Weinberg noted his that his next monthly open lunch is on Saturday December 20 at Riviera Maya Restaurant.

Councilmember Hsieh noted she is honored to serve the community alongside the rest of the City Council and that her community coffee is on December 15 at ASA.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Council Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Mayor

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk